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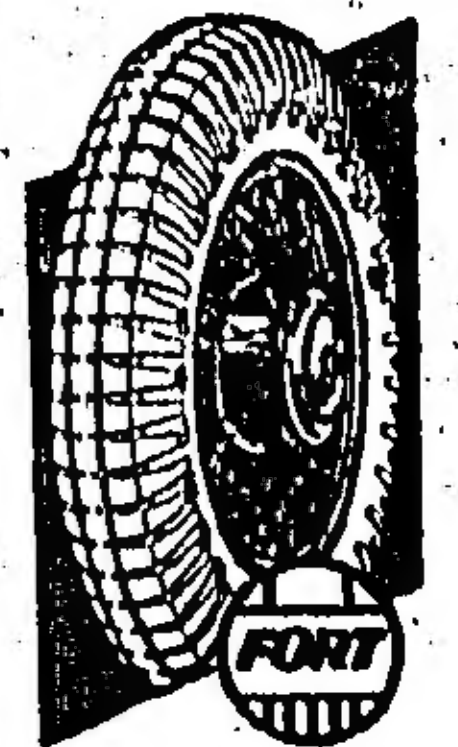
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Boston, Yesterday.
Nine Massachusetts banks closed their doors to-day. Their action followed the example of the Federal National Bank of Boston which has also closed its doors, involving total deposits of \$86,935,000.

There have been over 1,200 bank suspensions in the United States since the beginning of the year, involving deposits totalling about \$300,000,000, though the closing is only temporary in the case of some 200 of them with deposits totalling \$120,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Yesterday.
Bear raiding of weakened currencies here to-day was effectively blocked by the powerful International Banks of New York, Paris, London and Amsterdam, according to high Wall Street authorities. For example, short sales of Japanese yen have been made almost impossible, and speculators enquiring as to the possibility of selling Reichsmarks was similarly rebuffed. Bankers are of the opinion that there is little danger of widespread raids, such as occurred seven months ago against the old Mark and French Franc.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

In Cheerful Mood After Restful Night.

SLIGHT TEMPERATURE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The latest report states that the condition of Mr. Winston Churchill, who was knocked down in a New York street on Sunday night, is slightly improved, and he was in a cheerful mood following a restful night. His son, Randolph, has received a cable reporting his father's condition as follows:—

"Temperat.—100.6, pulse normal, head scalp wound severe, two cracked ribs, slight pleural irritation, right side generally much bruised, progress satisfactory." — British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Winston Churchill is "doing splendidly," according to a cable received by his son in London this evening from his mother in New York.—Reuter.

NEW LEGISLATION.

The Attorney-General, at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday, will move the second reading of—

A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

A Bill to amend the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927.

A Bill to amend further the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the taxation of tobacco.

A Bill to make provision for the taxation of bets on authorised totalisators or pari-mutuels and on contributions or subscriptions towards authorised cash-sweeps.

MUZZLELESS DOGS.

Owners Fined.

Lieut. H. Westlake, of the Volunteer Defence Corps, was fined \$3 by Mr. Williams this morning in the Central Police Court, on two summonses for allowing his dog to be abroad without a muzzle, on December 4 and 8.

Mr. Westlake—The dog had a muzzle on when he left the house on both occasions.

Sergeant Alexander said he saw the dog running about in Garden Road near the Peak Tram Lower Station, and had no trace of a muzzle on it.

Defendant explained that the dog had since been destroyed.

On a similar summons, Mr. D. Gordon was fined \$5.

SOUTH AFRICA AND GOLD STANDARD.

Smithfields, (Orange Free State), Yesterday.
General Hertzog, in a speech to-day, gave a solemn assurance that the Government of South Africa would not depart from the gold standard. He added that at the next session of Parliament legislation would be introduced for the establishment of South Africa's own monetary coinage system.—Reuter.

MR. THOMAS CANCELS HOLIDAY TRIP.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. J. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, has cancelled his plans for a trip to South Africa, owing to pressure of Government business.—British Wireless Service.

COTTON INDUSTRY OPERATIVES AND EMPLOYERS. DON'T AGREE

REVISION OF WAGES.

London, Yesterday.
A serious situation has arisen in the Lancashire cotton industry. Operatives of the spinning section have rejected the employers' proposals to negotiate regarding a return to longer hours at present wages. Notice given by the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation to end the 1919 Agreement consequently terminates on December 31 after which, unless a new move is made, the spinning section of the industry will be on a day to day basis, individual employers being at liberty to make their own agreements with employees.—Reuter.

CARSTAIRS' DEATH ENQUIRY.

The enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Douglas G. Carstairs, Area Manager of the N.A.A.F.I., who was found stabbed to death in his bed at No. 2, Luna Building, Kimberley Road, on the morning of May 21, will be opened in the Kowloon Magistracy to-morrow afternoon at 2.30.

HOSPITAL FIRE.

Three Inmates Perish.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Yesterday.
Terrible scenes were witnessed last night when a fire destroyed a hospital, three inmates of which were killed. One was trapped in the blazing building and two others leaped to their deaths from an upper storey. Three hundred mental patients in nightclothes were obliged to dash out in the bitter cold.—Reuter's Special Service.

NEW SOVIET ORDER.

No Work No Food.

Riga, Yesterday.
"No work no food" is the substance of a new order issued by the Soviet. The order states that every able-bodied man, woman and child in the Soviet cotton districts must work in the cotton-fields, and that food will be distributed strictly according to the amount of work done.—Reuter's Special Service.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
An increase of 5,297 in the total number of persons unemployed is recorded in the latest weekly return of the Ministry of Labour.

Of the total of 2,627,324, out of work, 436,243 are women, and 109,442 are boys and girls.—British Wireless Service.

The Busy Man may glean the news of the day, if he turns to the back page and reads News Tabloids and Overnight Cables Summarised.

NATIONAL SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS OF DISARMAMENT MEETING

RESCUING CIVILISATION

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY APPEALS FOR ONENESS OF NATIONAL LIFE.

Sitting in the Supreme Court in Admiralty Jurisdiction this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) heard consolidated claims totalling \$30,554 arising out of a collision between the China Navigation Company's s.s. Kiangsu, and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's s.s. Tokoku Maru. Sitting with his Lordship, as Assessor, was the Harbour Master (Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., retired).

The action heard this morning was by the China Navigation Company which claims \$40,000 damages and costs against the N.Y.K., while the latter are cross-claiming for \$40,554.

The China Navigation Co. are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), while the N.Y.K. are represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley).

The collision occurred off Kowloon Point on the morning of March 22, 1931. Mr. Potter said that the s.s. Kiangsu (Capt. Ritchie) was approaching Hong Kong from Swatow. There was a threat of fog, but it passed and at 7.35 a.m. the ship cleared Lyemoon Pass. Then fog again threatened with visibility of about half a mile. Nevertheless, Captain Ritchie put his engines at half-speed, and set his course W.N.W. for Kowloon Point.

The course and half-speed was maintained until 7.45 when there was fog with visibility of about a quarter of a mile. The Captain, Counsel emphasised, knew precisely where his ship was at this time and it was not a case of a ship lost in a fog. He was north of the Taihook Sugar Refinery, with the Channel Rock and the Refinery in line.

It was under these circumstances that the distant signal of another ship was heard at 7.45 on the port bow. The signal was one long blast, which obviously meant that the signalling ship was in a fog. Captain Ritchie put his engines to dead slow and altered his course to N.W. by W., because he concluded that the other ship was outward-bound as in fact it was. The Japanese ship came in sight at 7.50 about 200 to 300 yards distant, and Mr. Potter stressed the point, it was about 2 points on the port bow.

In an effort to avert collision Captain Ritchie put his ship full speed and helmed hard to starboard in order to pivot his ship round the Japanese ship's bows. The move did not avert a collision, but it had the undoubted effect of minimising the damage done.

The question of responsibility was then argued at length and the Court adjourned for the tiffin interval.

SOVIET SUGGESTION.

Far Eastern Round Table Conference.

Riga, Yesterday.
A telegram, containing a suggestion for a Far Eastern Round Table Conference, in which the Soviet is willing to participate, was published by the Foreign Commissariat to-day. It is to be handed to Mr. Yoshizawa when he arrives in Moscow en route to Tokyo. The telegram is a resume of the Soviet's attitude towards the Manchurian problem.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A large congregation, including leagues, and representatives of all European countries, the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues, and representatives of all branches of public life, commerce and industry, attended the National Service for World Disarmament in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said the civilised world was approaching one of the turning points in history, and he described next February's Disarmament Conference as the most momentous assembly since the Peace Conference. The late War had shown that great armaments could only lead to war, yet the world was spending on them no less than £2,000,000 daily.

Britain already had made more substantial reductions in armaments than any other country, and many thought she had reached the lowest point consistent with her safety and obligations. This very fact created

a difficulty, which her representatives at Geneva would have to face. It might not be possible for them to accept some general reduction by a fixed common percentage. But, within the classes of armaments there were possibilities of a reduction. Britain's representatives must be asked to strain every nerve to bring about at least a true and honest beginning in general disarmament. Sixty-one nations had bound themselves by the Pact of Paris to renounce war as an instrument of national policy. Were not their solemn pledges enough to banish the fear of which armaments were the symptom? They were the symptoms also of selfish nationalism, which was the ultimate cause of the world's economic depression. The only hope of rescuing civilisation from its present plight, he said, was to make oneness of the whole body of nations the ruling principle of international life.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

**No Special Feature This Morning.
QUIETLY STEADY.**

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: There is no special feature in the market to report this morning, everything being quietly steady.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,500.
Providents (new), \$2.45.
Telephones (part paid), \$26.
Lane, Crawford's (old), \$6 1/2.

Sellers.

Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.95.
Raubs, \$42.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Trams, \$21.
H.K. Electric, \$78.
Canton Ice, \$5 1/2.
Lane, Crawford's (old), \$6 1/2.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
Hotels (old), \$14.90.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Peak Trams (old), \$15 1/4.
Telephones (part paid), \$25 1/4.
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/4.
H.K. Amusements, \$20.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/4 per cent. premium.
Buyers.
China Lights, \$27.60.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.

NATIONAL MARITIME BOARD.

London, Yesterday.
The National Maritime Board has agreed to a reduction of ten per cent. in the pay of navigation, engineer, and merchant officers with effect from January 31, 1932. Reductions of the pay of sailors, firemen, and catering staffs will be considered in January.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN SHIP'S OFFICER MISSING

The disappearance of a European ship's officer is revealed in Police reports this morning.
Captain J. Mitchell, master of the s.s. On Lee, lying at the Kwong

Fook Loong Shipyard, at Cheung Sha-wan, states that the Chief Officer, Mr. D. F. Fairfax, aged 30 years, has been missing since Saturday morning. Mr. Fairfax is a native of Scotland.

SALE OF A GIRL.

Defendants Fined and Cautioned.

WARNING TO OTHERS.

Two Chinese women and an elderly man were brought before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning on charges of taking part in the sale of first defendant's daughter. Second defendant and the man were also charged with unlawfully harbouring the girl after the transaction. To the charges defendants pleaded guilty.

For the prosecution, Inspector John Murphy, said first defendant was very hard up, and owed several months house rent; so, with her brother-in-law, conceived the idea of selling the girl. A go-between,

JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

No Change Is Predicted.

MR. YOSHIKAWA.

Paris, Yesterday.
Little or no change in Japanese foreign policy is predicted by French observers of Far Eastern politics with Mr. Yoshizawa as Foreign Minister. Le Temps characterises Mr. Yoshizawa as a "diplomat who has the soundest conception of Sino-Japanese undertakings to the League of Nations and who showed the widest spirit of conciliation in singularly delicate negotiation."—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.
Mr. Yoshizawa has accepted the Foreign portfolio and will be leaving for Japan very soon. The exact date of departure, however, has not yet been fixed.—Reuter.

AN UNDESIRABLE JAPANESE.

That defendant had committed many thefts of a similar nature from Japanese people in Hong Kong and on the mainland, was the statement made by Detective-Sergeant Kennedy in the Central Police Court this morning, when an unemployed Japanese, named Saburo Tomonaga, pleaded guilty before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham to two charges of obtaining sums of \$3 and \$7 respectively, by false pretences. The complainants were M. Miyamoto and Papa Seto.

Sergeant Kennedy said that, on the afternoon of Saturday last, defendant went to Mr. Miyamoto, living at 115 Hennessy Road, Wan-chai, and said that he had been sent there on the authority of Mr. Hachiuma to collect a loan of \$3. The same evening, defendant telephoned Papa Seto, at 41-43 Hennessy Road, and, explaining that he was \$7 short in his change, said he would send a messenger round to get the money. The messenger turned out to be defendant.

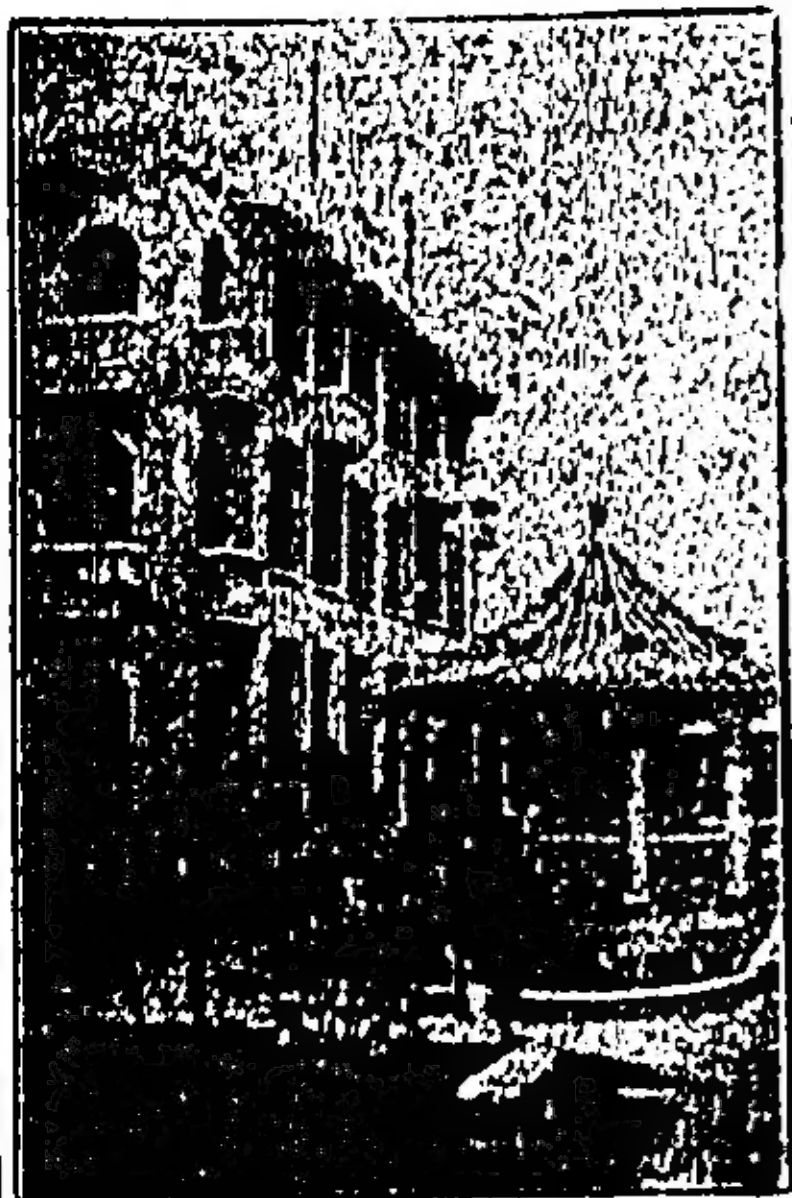
The Sergeant went on to say that the case was referred to the Japanese Consul, who decided that the defendant must be charged. Defendant had been sent away from the Colony but had returned.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

On the charge of taking part in the sale, first defendant was fined \$10, whilst the other two were fined \$75 each. On the charge of harbouring, which was an alternative one, the second defendant and the man were cautioned.

who was not in Court, was engaged, and finally the girl was sold for \$120. This transaction took place in August, and the girl stayed at Yau-mai with the person who bought her until December 12.

The prosecution did not intend taking a serious view of the case, in view of the fact that first defendant was poor, but, in general interests the prosecution wished it to be known that any person taking part in any transaction, the object of which was the disposal of a human being, would be prosecuted. Replying to his Worship, Insp. Murphy said that the case came to light through a complaint made to the Society for the Protection of Children, but no cruelty had been



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Reviews from Official Sources.

"EAST LYNNE"

Ann Harding, the most outstanding player of emotional roles and one of the sensational "finds" of talking pictures, reversed the usual formula for picture success, for it was through her interest in motion pictures that she got her chance on the stage. Eventually her stage career led her to pictures and to the opportunity to play the star role of Isabel in "East Lynne," Frank Lloyd's Fox Movietone production, showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

After two years in stock she scored an instantaneous Broadway triumph in "Tarnish," "Stolen Fruit," and "The Woman Disputed" were her next vehicles. Then came her greatest stage success, starring in "The Trial of Mary Dugan." Meanwhile, she had married Harry Bannister, going to California with him where he had been engaged to play in the Los Angeles company of "Strange Interlude." Shortly after her arrival Miss Harding had been signed for the lead in "Paris Bound" in which she made her screen debut. Following came "Her Private Affair" and opposite Ronald Colman in "Condemned." She scored sensation in the screen adaptations of "Holiday" and "The Girl of the Golden West."

Clive Brook and Conrad Nagel are featured in "East Lynne." Cecilia Loftus and Beryl Mercer head the exceptional supporting cast. The magnificent settings are by Joseph Urban.

"AFRICA SPEAKS."

An amusing and fascinating illustration of the old adage that there is nothing new under the sun, especially under the African sun, is shown in "Africa Speaks," the Columbia African romance which is now at the Central Theatre.

Director Paul L. Hoefler wanted a background of real native dancing—assuming that the curious and funny posturing of the naked savage routine would be a comic and interesting side-light. So it was—but the laugh was on Hoefler and the Columbia people.

The film company supplied the phonograph and the native women the dancing. And what dancing! They started slowly, hardly moving their hands or feet. Just the body—in the best manner of one of the Ziegfeld Polles or Earl Carroll's famous torrid tropic scenes—dances that it takes a trained chorus and brilliant dance directors weeks to get the rudiments of.

These really "wild" women performed steps that were not only off Broadway but away ahead of it. They made the hoisted sizzling show numbers look tame. On a Broadway stage, their dancing would bring the reformers and morality societies down with a shout of outrage. And yet these women, belong to a very moral tribe of savages.

"THE GREAT LOVER."

"How far should a girl, ambitious for a career, go in accepting or refusing offers to help her along the way?"

The extra-large brown eyes of the "Cimarron Girl," Irene Dunne, twinkled at the interviewer as she repeated this question.

"In my own personal experience," she said, "I discovered just as did 'Diana' in 'The Great Lover,' that something is definitely wrong if a girl really succumbs to the wrong sort of temptation. I have noticed in the theatre that the really great artists get recognition, somehow, somewhere, sometime, without undue pull, or boudoir visits. I have seen persons about whom there has been a suspicion of this sort of thing. Invariably their careers have been short-lived. 'I liked Diana' in 'The Great Lover' exceedingly, because she is a very natural, believable person. She has tremendous ambition. That ambition, for a few brief, mad moments, tended to carry her over the brink, but...now I must stop, for it really wouldn't be fair to tell you the whole story, now would it?"

"The Great Lover" which is at the Queen's Theatre, was adapted by Gene Markey and Edgar Allan Woolf from a stage play. Ernest Torrence, Neil Hamilton, Bacalova, and Cliff Edwards have featured roles.

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

Warner Baxter, who plays the title role in "Daddy Long Legs," coming soon to the King's Theatre, is shown on the grounds of the orphanage teaching the youngsters the art of the lateral pass. But strange to say the pass was never made. Baxter had no sooner received the ball from the juvenile centre when he was hit by what he thought was Notre Dame's famous four horsemen, but which proved to be ten sturdy boys who tackled him simultaneously and then proceeded to leap on his prostrate form in a gleeful pyramid. Director Santell then added insult to injury by announcing that the scene would have to be shot over again, but Baxter who had enough bruises and contusions to supply an ordinary riot, said if it was they would have to get a new "Daddy Long Legs."

"Daddy Long Legs" is the first film in which Baxter and Miss Gynor have ever appeared together. A cast of stellar ability supports Miss Gynor and Baxter.

"TIGER ROSE."

Warner Bros.' newest song writing combination, Herb Magidson, Ned Washington, and Michel Cleary, known as the "Three Musketeers of the Music World," wrote the theme song for "Tiger Rose," in which Monte Blue and Lupe Velez are co-starring and which is coming to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow for showings at 5.10 and 9.20 only.

The title of the song is "The Day You'll Fall in Love," and will be sung by Lupe in this Vitaphone story of the famous stage play.

£600 IN WAGES PAID AFTER 9 YEARS.

An American's Windfall Brings Luck To An Englishman.

John W. Latham, a coachman, of Barnstable, Devon, has had a claim for unpaid wages settled after nine years of waiting.

The amount was £600, which Latham was awarded when he sued his former employer, Charles W. Mayer, who brought him to Philadelphia in 1907. He claimed the money as wages owing to him when he was discharged.

Legal complications delayed judgment until 1922, and then it was found that Mayer had no assets. Recently Mayer received a legacy of about £100,000. A search was made for Latham, and he was eventually found in an institution at Barnstable.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.
7.03-7.21 p.m.—Band Selections.
Stealing Thru' the Classics No. 1—The Masters (arr. Somers).
Debroy Somers' Band (DB237).
Marche Militaire
(Schubert arr. Godfrey).
Villanelle
(Doll 'Acqua arr. Winterbottom).
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9919).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.21-8.03 p.m.—Variety.

Song—
Let Love Take Care of You,
You Didn't Have to Tell Me,
Binnie Hale (Soprano) (DB608).

Vocal Duet—
Whistling in the Dark,
I Found You,
Layton & Johnstone (DB610).

Organ Solo—
Song Hits—Organ Medley,
Terence Casey (DB622).

Vocal Duet—
Just a Dancing Sweetheart,
Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams,
Layton & Johnstone (DB625).

Piano Solo—
Say it with, Carols—Medley,
Billy Mayerl (DB608).

Band—
Goddesses,
The Mock Hobby Horse,
The National Military Band (DB574).

8.08-8.43 p.m.—Instrumental.
Violin Solo—
Bourree in B Minor (Bach),
Tijuna—"Saudades do Brazil"
(Milhaud arr. Levy),
Joseph Szegedi (D1633).

Piano Solo—
Etude in C Sharp Minor (Chopin),
Harriet Cohen (D1632).

Cello Solo—
Si Mes Vins Avalent des Altes
(Hahn),
Mazurka (Chopin-Squire),
W. H. Squire (D1623).

Piano Duet—
Brahms Waltzes, Op. 39
Nos. 1, 2 & 3,
Brahms Waltzes, Op. 39
Nos. 4, 5 & 6,
Edith Barnett and Vladimir Cernikoff (9230).

Violin Solo—
Zapateado (Sarante),
Errom Zimballat (9650).

8.43-9 p.m.—Orchestral.
Siegfried Idyll (Wagner),
Bruno Walter & Symphony Orchestra (LX70-80).

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co. 9-10.30 p.m.—Concert from the Studio. Programme:—

1. Songs—
(a) Vainly Fair (Clatsam),
(b) Serenade (Drigo),
Mrs. L. St. A. Sharpham (Soprano) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

2. Songs—
(a) Devon Mine (Henry Geehl),
(b) Innis Farrel (George Aitken),
Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

3. Songs—
(a) My Dear Soul (Sanderson),
(b) Fleurette (McGeoch),
Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto) accompanied by Mrs. L. St. A. Sharpham.

4. Songs—
(a) Vagabond
(R. Coningsby Clark),
(b) The Tormentor Song from "Carmen" (Bizet),
Mr. W. H. Bailey (Baritone) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

5. Instrumental Trio—
Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor—Andante,
Miss Luba Pecker, Mr. F. Gonzales and Mr. L. Sente.

6. Vocal Duet—
The Moon Has Raised Her Lamp Above (Benedict),
Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor) & Mr. W. H. Bailey (Baritone) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

7. Songs—
(a) Dafoella A-Blowing (Germann),
(b) Fairy Phiers (Brower),
Mrs. L. St. A. Sharpham

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

Today — Tea Dance at King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

Friday — Hong Kong Automobile Association Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

January 6 — St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day — "Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. sharp.

To-day — King's Theatre: "East Lynne."

To-day — Queen's Theatre: "The Great Lover."

To-day — Central Theatre: "Africa Speaks."

To-day — Majestic Theatre: "Ladies' Man."

To-day — Star Theatre: "Rough Romance."

To-morrow—At Helena May Institute, song recital by Miss I. H. Chamberlain, 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Russia), 6 p.m.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez, (Karmala).

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—

Bucardia, from Colombo.
Miyasaki, Passenger, Nankin, from Noumea.
Ena Wilson, Africa Maru, from Shanghai.

S. LACK,
Manager
Hong Kong, December 10, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Wingo, from Tientsin.
Iming Loh, Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Wolfe, St. Francis Hotel, from Shanghai.

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Hong Kong, December 9, 1931.

(Soprano) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

8. Songs—
(a) Come Away Death (Quilter),
(b) O Mistress Mine (Quilter),
Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

9. Songs—
(a) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter),
(b) You Are My Heart's Delight (Franz Lehar),
Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

10. Songs—
(a) Eleanor (Coleridge Taylor),
(b) Trade Winds (Krell),
Mr. W. H. Bailey (Baritone) accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker.

11. Instrumental Trio—
Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor—Molto allegro agitato,
Miss Luba Pecker, Mr. F. Gonzales and Mr. L. Sente.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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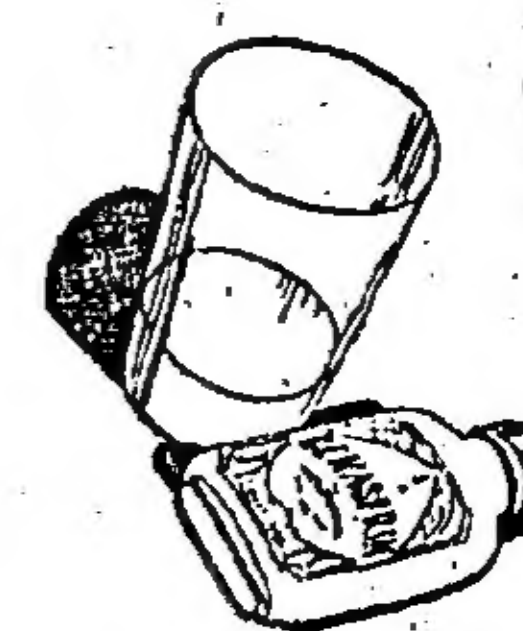
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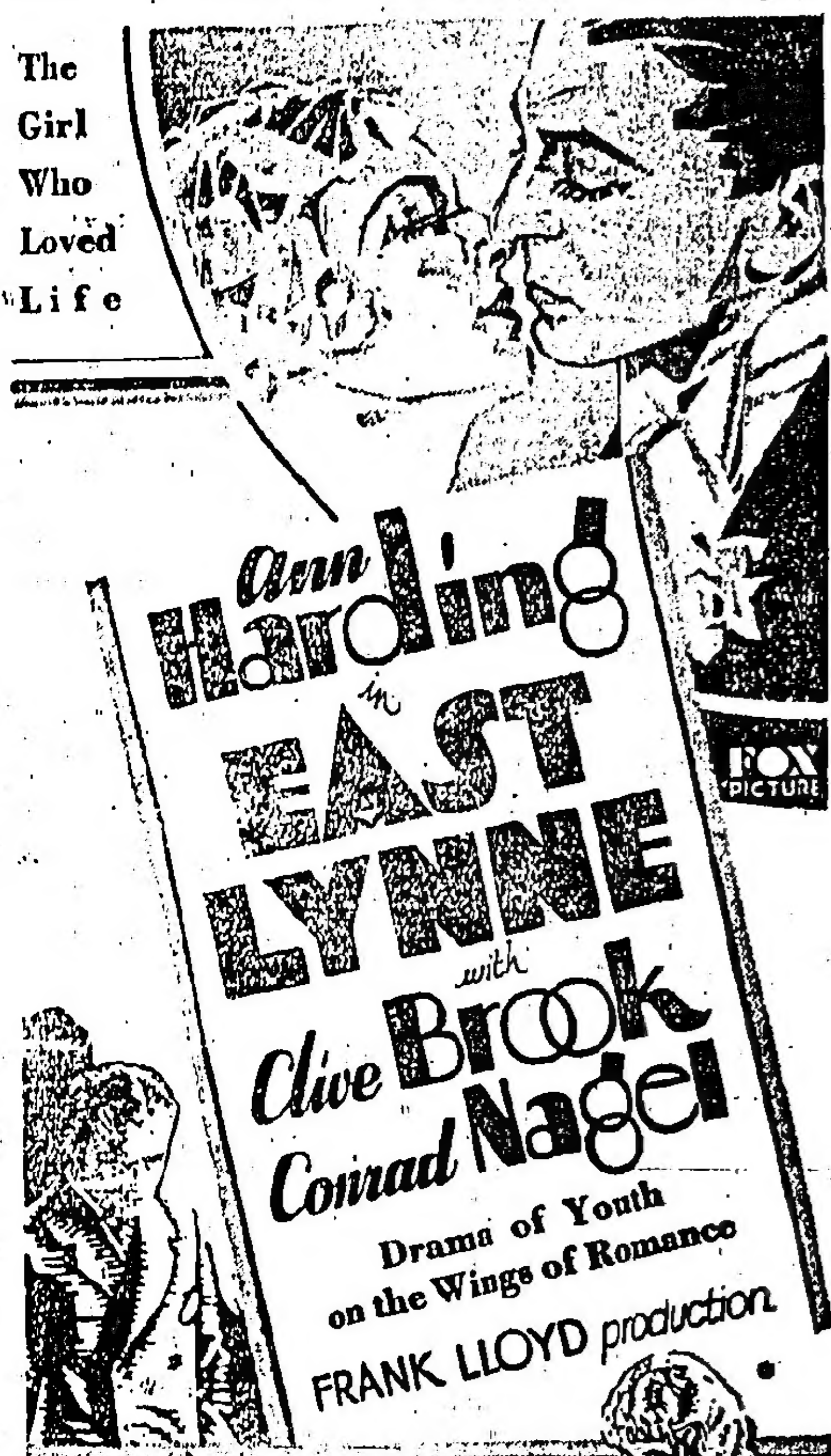
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RECREIO HOLD Y.M. TO A DRAW.

Hesitant Shooting of Home Forwards.

OTHERWISE BIG VICTORY.

At King's Park yesterday the Club de Recreio played a drawn game with the Y.M.C.A., neither side scoring.

The "Y" made three changes in the side which nearly defeated the Club second eleven on the previous day. Allen taking L. W. Tippet's place at full-back; Bates coming into the half back line instead of Allen; and Mitchell taking F. Parker's position in the forward line.

The Y.M.C.A. were unfortunate in not leaving the field winners by at least five goals, as they had easily the best of the exchanges and had only their inside forwards to thank for the goal-less draw. Their shooting was far too hesitant to be effective and this positioning was not up to their usual standard. The Recreio full-backs were very uncertain in their hitting and were also on the slow side, but they had a dependable goalkeeper in support fortunately for them. Raid after raid was repulsed when things looked desperate and the Recreio goal came through intact in spite of repeated blunders on the part of their defenders.

The outstanding player in the Recreio defence was their right half back. He worried Price continually and was instrumental in seeing that that versatile winger had little scope to send across his stinging centres or to cut in goalwards. Skinner, in the "Y" goal must have given his backs an anxious time as he was very prone to leave his charge at the slightest provocation, though on two occasions he was fortunate to see the ball just miss the net when he failed to come out. Tate's timing of the ball was perfect and it would not be far out to say that he never mislaid once during the game. Allen, who was playing in E. O. Murphy's place at full back, was not quite at home in his unaccustomed position but his tackling was both well-judged and effective. The half back line worked hard throughout and must have been disappointed with the final efforts of the forwards. Selk, who was playing at centre-forward, had the misfortune to be hit on the eye and was forced to leave the field half way through the second half. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt. It was a good hard game with the "Y" much the superior side.

Y.M.C.A. 0
Recreio 0
Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, F. Allen; R. A. Bates, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith; J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, F. Selk, G. Mitchell, and T. J. Price.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

FOOTBALL—To-day—Hong Kong Club v. Police; H.K.S.R.A. v. Radio Sports; R.A.S.C. v. St. Andrews.

Friday—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Radio Sports.

HUNTING—To-day—Fanning Hounds (Sheungshui), 3.15 p.m.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Oxford v. Cambridge at H.K.C.C. at 1.30 p.m.

Saturday—First Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. University (F.); Second Division—University v. Craigengower C.C. (F.); Police v. Indian R.C. (F.).

GOLF—To-morrow—3rd Round Railway Cup (Ladies); First Round Taggart Cup (Ladies).

Saturday—R.H.K.C.C. Bogey Pool.

Sunday—R.H.K.C.C. Championship Final and Bogey Pool; Annual Gymkhana and Presentation of Prizes at Kowloon C.C.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—St. Joseph's v. Police; Argyle v. Club; Navy v. Borderers; Recreio v. Kowloon; Second Division—Borderers v. C.I.B.; Argyle v. Navy; University v. R.A.O.C.; Kowloon v. Twelfth Battery; Third Division—St. Joseph's v. Recreio; Chinese League—Yee Woo v. South China "A"; South China "B" v. Sung Ching; "Eastern v. Chinese Athletic "B".

L.A.W.N. TENNIS—Sunday—Open Mixed Doubles Final.

H.K.B.A. PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 23.

Excellent Support for Title Bout.

"SKY" KERRISON CONFIDENT.

(Special to the "China Mail.")

The programme for the second boxing tourney of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, to be held at the Theatre Royal on the evening of Wednesday, December 23, was finally fixed at a committee meeting last night.

The card is as follows:—
15-round return contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony and H.E. the Governor's Belt, between Signalmen "Stinnie" Morris (H.M.S. Herwick) and A.B. Warrnes (H.M.S. Hermes).

10-round Heavyweight Contest, between A.B. Judge (H.M.S. Cornwall) and A.B. Long (H.M.S. Kent).

6-round return Welterweight contest, between Leading Seaman Davies (H.M.S. Hermes) and Leading Seaman "Nobby" Hall (H.M.S. Cumberland).

6-round Featherweight contest, between A.B. Clarke (H.M.S. Suffolk) and A.B. Thomas (H.M.S. Suffolk).

6-round Lightweight contest, between A.B. Baldwin (H.M.S. Hermes) and Stoker Jobbins (H.M.S. Medway).

6-round Welterweight contest, between Stoker Harry (H.M.S. Kent) and A.B. Waterhouse (H.M.S. Cumberland).

About Morris and Warrnes there is no need to write of their abilities as they are well known in the Colony after their recent fight at the Theatre Royal on November 28, when Morris won the Welterweight Championship and the Governor's Belt after a very hard fight.

It is of interest to note that Morris is in training for the forthcoming "return" bout under the guidance of that "old war horse" and former holder of the Welterweight Championship of the Colony, "Sky" Kerrison, who also has under his wing Judge, Clarke and Baldwin. He is reported to have said that all his boys are fighting fit and will give good accounts of themselves on December 23.

Warrnes is in training on board his ship with Davies, Carter and Farrar, all of whom showed up well in the recent Fleet Championships. In addition, he has been on board the Cumberland for a work-out with "Jackie" Shepherd, Shepherd, by the way, will soon be issuing a challenge to meet any Middleweight for the title of Champion of the Colony. His logical opponent would, of course, be "Stinnie" Morris, who in 1929 held both the Middle and Welterweight Championships of the Colony.

Of the other fighters on the programme of the forthcoming H.K.B.A. tourney, Long is a new comer to the Hong Kong ring. He is described as a K.O. specialist who has met some of the best second class men in England and won over 50 fights. He will have a worthy opponent in Judge, who, although he lost in the semi-finals of the Fleet Championships was not disgraced, being, in fact, one of the three losers to be congratulated by the referee for the splendid show he put up.

Ldg. Sman. Davies, also won popularity in the Fleet Championships in which he pulled off a surprise by dropping "Jock" Begbie twice in one of the earlier rounds of the tourney. His opponent, "Nobby" Hall, is well-known and very popular here, being a trier from the first gong to the last. It will be remembered that last year he and Davies put up an excellent scrap under the auspices of the H.K.B.A. and this return bout will be welcomed by all boxing "fans."

The men figuring in the next two bouts, Clarke, Thomas, Baldwin and Jobbins also did well in the Fleet Championships and can be relied upon to give of their best. Baldwin and Jobbins were the two worthies who gave Percy Lake hard fights in this tournament.

Harry, who figures in the last bout with Waterhouse was the man who kept H.M.S. Kent's flag flying

HOCKEY VICTORY FOR ST. ANDREWS.

Mixed Eleven Defeat University.

ONLY ONE HALF PLAYED.

On the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday afternoon, the St. Andrew's Club mixed XI defeated the University 2nd XI by two clear goals. Owing to the short space of time limited to the game due to fast falling light, only one half could be played.

St. Andrew's opened strongly and were early pressing, but sterling work by Reed frustrated many dangerous moves. Mackay, the Saints' right wing, was inclined to be selfish, and was robbed of possession by Reed every time he went down. The Varsity forward line was scrappy, with the exception of Kope, who on the right wing, would have been more dangerous had he hit with both hands instead of only using one.

E. Landolt, the Saints' left full back, was clearing well, whilst R. Wong, in goal, played his usual safe game. St. Andrew's drew first blood through M. Woolley from a pass by M. Chan. After this reverse, the Varsity forced several corners all of which, however, were cleared. M. D. White, at centre-half, was in great form and played a fine game in defence. The Saints increased their lead through Mackay.

Result:—
St. Andrew's 2
University II 0
St. Andrew's Club:—R. H. Wong; Miss E. Wood, Miss E. Landolt; F. V. Wong, Miss M. D. White, Miss I. Giffins; N. A. E. Mackay, Miss M. Chan, Miss M. Volley, Miss M. Churn and Miss P. Giffins.
University II:—E. L. Foo; E. H. Ong, W. A. Reed; C. H. So, A. de Silva, E. G. Tan; V. E. Kope, K. S. Ong, T. W. Goh, C. T. Law and K. L. Sim.

Y.M.C.A. TROUNCED AT BASKET BALL.

C.B.A. Win in Spite of Big Handicap.

47 POINTS TO 6.

In a game of basketball played at the Y.M.C.A. last night, the Central British Association defeated the "Y" by 47 points to 6. The losers had a handicap of 30 points and, after wiping off this, the C.B.A. had scored 32 points before the "Y" secured their first point.

CLUB "A" FIFTEEN AGAINST ARGYLLS.

To-day's Rugby.

The following have been chosen to represent the Club "A" against the Argylls in a friendly rugby match to-day on the Club ground match to-day on the Club ground, Happy Valley, at 4.45 p.m. sharp: Y. Segalen; H. V. Koop; E. R. Allera, Jenkins, C. E. Holmes; G. A. L. Plummer, F. C. B. Black; A. R. Cox, E. R. West, F. M. Hartley, R. Cherrill, W. R. Andrews, J. S. Lee, F. A. Merry, and F. A. Nigel.

No Match at Kowloon.
Owing to the match between the Kowloon Rugby Club and the Machine Gun Troop having been postponed, a scrum practice for the Kowloon forwards has been arranged for 5 p.m. The three-quarters are also requested to be present as there is a possibility of a practice match being staged.

In the finals of the Welterweights by giving Warrnes a real good fight. He was not disgraced by the decision against him. Waterhouse will appear for the first time here, and not much is known of him, but his ship mates of the Cumberland say that if his ship had been here for the Fleet Championships, he would no doubt have been in the final.

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ARMY EAST BOWLER'S "HAT TRICK."

Small Units Semi-Final
Match at Sookunpoo.

SIGNALS' NARROW WIN.

The feature of the semi-final game in the Small Units cricket competition between the Royal Corps of Signals and "D" Co. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders at Sookunpoo was the "hat trick" performed by Sig. Williams, the Army fast bowler. In the course of the innings he clean bowled five batsmen for 38 runs. Thanks to his bowling and that of Ewbank the Signals won by 17 runs.

Royal Signals.	
Sig. Gillet, c. Brander, b. Gainsford	15
Sgt. Colley, lbw., b. McTavish	3
Sig. Williams, b. McQuillan	22
Cpl. Saunders, c. Ervin, b. McQuillan	1
Lt. Ewbank, not out	33
Sig. Yates, c. and b. McTavish	12
Sig. Chaffey, b. McTavish	0
Lt. Higgins, b. McTavish	4
Sig. Hardy, b. McTavish	1
Sig. Michael, run out	1
Sig. Collins, run out	5
Extras	15

Total 112
McTavish 5 for 32.

"D" Co. Argylls.	
Cpl. Reid, b. Williams	1
Capt. Moir, b. Williams	40
Pte. Gainsford, b. Saunders	0
Lt. Ervin, b. Williams	0
C.O.M.S. McTavish, c. Williams, b. Ewbank	34
Pte. McQuillan, st. Higgins, b. Ewbank	4
Pte. Christie, b. Williams	1
Lt. Keith Murray, b. Williams	0
Pte. Baird, not out	3
Pte. Wylie, st. Higgins, b. Ewbank	0
Pte. Brander, c. Williams, b. Ewbank	0
Extras	12

Total 95
Williams 5 for 38, Ewbank 4 for 16.

CHARITY FOOTBALL ON SUNDAY.

Civil Hospital v.
University.

On Sunday next a Charity Football Match is being played between a side representing the Civil Hospital, and the University F.C. in order to raise funds for the provision of comforts for the free patients in the hospital during Christmas.

The following will represent the Civil Hospital:—J. F. McGowan; Lau Kwok-tu, Jacob Hassan; Dr. Sze, J. Skinner, Dr. Selby; Lau

KING OF POLAND.

Prince Nicholas Burns
His Bridges.

CURIOUS STORY.

Warsaw, Dec. 3. An interesting sidelight on the recent marriage of Prince Nicholas of Roumania to a commoner and the frantic attempts of King Carol to annul the morganatic union was thrown here to-day by the report that Prince Nicholas until very recently had sought to marry Marshal Pilsudski's younger daughter as a preparatory step to becoming King of Poland.

The negotiations, however, it is reported, became too protracted, with the Dictator insisting that the time was not yet ripe for carrying out his plans, that Prince Nicholas lost patience and, on his return from Poland in October, married the lady of his choice, burning not only his own bridges, but nullifying the schemes of his brother Carol for a close union between the two countries.

Colour is lent to these reports by the publication, in the opposition Press, of a letter from the Polish Senator Moiz, who is present in Paris. In this letter the Senator alleges that the leader of the Parliamentary Government bloc, Colonel Slavak, had personally told him that Marshal Pilsudski was aiming at the establishment of a monarchy in Poland as the rallying points for all loyal elements. — Transocean Kuomin.

STATE & CHURCH.

Trouble Feared in
Roumania.

Bucharest, Dec. 7. A Bill establishing Government control over all the property of Roumania was introduced in the Chamber to-day by the Minister of Finance, M. Dimitrescu. The Bill provides for draconic punishment for all attempts on the part of ecclesiastics to evade control, either by making false returns regarding the extent of the Church property under their charge or by supplying misleading figures regarding the income derived from it.

The new Bill represents a revolutionary departure on the part of the Government which is causing much resentment in Church circles and might conceivably have some unexpected repercussions. — Transocean Kuomin.

Wing-kwong, Dr. Jap, Dr. Samy, Dr. Valentine, and Or Yu-hin. Reserve: Dr. Lim. Linesman: Dr. Bau.

The match is being played on the H.K.F.C. ground and the kick-off has been fixed for 4 p.m. Sir William Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., has kindly consented to act as referee.

FAMILY KILLED BY COMMUNIST.

Student Girl's Sad
Plight.

FRIENDLESS AND NEEDY.

Evidence which may lead to the discovery of further murders by communists has been produced by a Chinese girl who arrived at Shanghai, friendless and needy, from Nanking by train during the week-end bearing a tale of her entire family having been wiped out by communists at Nanchang. She is at present detained by the railway authorities pending further enquiries, says the Shanghai Times of December 8.

The girl arrived by one of the early trains. She is of the student type. Her conduct at the railway station after arrival aroused the interest of railway officials who made inquiries and learned the girl's sad story. She gave her name as Li Fu-mei and declared herself the sole survivor of communist revenge, her father, mother, brother and sister having been put to death by communists at Nanchang. This much she learned from a friend who wrote to her while she was attending school at Wuchang.

The girl said that she immediately left for Nanking, after receiving the letter, to gather more details of the crime, but failed to find the friend at Nanking, so came on to Shanghai. She admitted knowing no one in Shanghai but believed that she had relatives there. The railway authorities are making efforts to get in touch with them.

BURIED ASTRIDE HIS HORSE.

German Soldier Found in A
Shell Hole.

Every day the battlefields in France are still giving up their dead. One of the most tragic discoveries has just been made at Saulzy-sur-Moselle, where in digging for the construction of a new drain, the complete skeletons of a man and his horse were laid bare (says Reuter).

The man was still astride the horse. Scraps of harness and uniform indicated that he was a German, apparently named Gross, from Ulm, who must have been killed by a shell and buried in the shell-crater. A 20 marks gold piece was found in a purse near the body. A search of the battlefield in the

A ROYAL MIX-UP IN HOLLYWOOD.

Prince's Sense of
Humour.

A prince's sense of humour and a musician's faux pas is Hollywood's latest contribution to the gaiety of nations. The incident happened during the visit of Prince and Princess Sybil of Slam, and their sons, Princes Nandi and Anjuna, to the Paramount studios. The royal party, accompanied by Douglas Fairbanks, were being shown round by Miss Ruth Chatterton and a director.

The Princes and the Princess were chatting with Miss Chatterton when the leader of the three-piece atmospheric set orchestra, learning the identity of the visitors, decided to play something in their honour. Being unfamiliar with Siamese airs, the trio, picked on Hawaii as a compromise, and started to play "Aloha".

Prince Sybil, uncle of the Siamese king, chief justice of his country's supreme court, former ambassador to the leading powers, Oxford graduate and world traveller, smiled as he heard the "good-bye" refrain.

Turning to the inspired orchestra, he bowed and said: "Certainly, we'll be leaving as soon as we see Miss Chatterton make one more scene."

CLERK WANTED

In Czechoslovakia, And He Must Be
A Footballer.

Not only skill at football, but ability to play at a definite place on the field, is specified in the advertisement of a Czechoslovak firm for a clerk, says Reuter's Prague correspondent.

The advertisement reads:—"Wanted.—A clerk, must be good at football, centre or wing half. Salary £4 a month. Free lodgings."

Arras district by the French authorities has resulted in the discovery, from September 7 to October 3, of 191 bodies, including six Germans identified and 44 unidentified, and 37 French identified and 104 unidentified.

It is still hoped that a number of these may be identified by objects discovered and remains of identity discs.

AN AFFECTIONATE EMBRACE.

The Amorous
Ape.

GIRL'S DISAPPROVAL.

When a girl in a third storey flat at Barmen suddenly felt two arms creeping round her, she swung round to confront a large ape.

Dressed in a coat, white trousers and patent leather shoe, the animal had escaped from a local variety theatre. It was being chased over the roofs of the town when it suddenly disappeared.

The ape climbed through a window, opened several doors, and coolly walked into the room from a window out of which the girl had been looking at the crowds of monkey chasers in the street. When the keeper ran into the room the ape escaped to the roofs again. Eventually, policeman and members of the fire-brigade drove it down to the street, where it was captured by the crowd.

BLACK MARKS FOR SURGEONS

Suggested By Dr. Black.

A plan to eliminate incompetent surgeons is being considered by the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Carl E. Black, of the Passavant Memorial Hospital at Jacksonville, Illinois, is the sponsor of the plan, which aims at giving every surgeon a professional rating based on the results of his operations.

The doctor would establish a uniform system of marks, so that every surgeon would be debited with unsuccessful operations and credited with successful.

"In hospitals where the surgical mortality rate appears high in contrast with that of other institutions," said Dr. Black, "responsibility can thus be fixed, and steps to eliminate those surgeons who are unfit."

Totals Published Every Year. The plan is a development of one in operation at Dr. Black's hospital. It stipulates that each surgeon's marks be totaled at the end of a year. From the total the general average of a hospital can be obtained.

Publication of the figures, Dr. Black says, would stimulate hospitals to do better work and gradually eliminate incompetence.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Eight New Cases of
Diphtheria.

43 TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended December 12 is as follows:—

Cases Deaths	
Typhoid fever	5
Diphtheria	8
Tuberculosis	43
Three of the typhoid cases were imported.	

Summary to December 12.

The returns from January 1 to December 12 give the following figures:—

Cases Deaths	
Typhoid fever	208
Small-pox	64
Scarlet fever	14
Diphtheria	3
Cerebro-spinal fever	141
Puerperal fever	20
Tuberculosis	19
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Twenty-one of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, two cerebro-spinal fever cases, and 30 diphtheria cases.

JUDICIAL APPEAL.

The Full Court, composed of the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell) sat yesterday afternoon to hear further argument in connection with a motion by Mr. Richard C. H. Lim for leave to appeal against a judgment delivered by the Puisne Judge sitting in Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr. Lim, replying to the preliminary objection raised by Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., on Saturday, cited a case whereby it was held that the appearance of Counsel in Court waived any objections of irregularity in notice of motion.

After careful consideration, the Court reserved decision.

The parties in the action are Ip Tuen, of the Tai Shing Co., 147, Pelho Street, Shamshuipo, appellant-defendant, and the Wong Kwai Kee firm, of 111, Yu Chau Street, Shamshuipo, respondent-plaintiffs.

Mr. Lim (instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin) was for the appellant, while the respondents were represented by Mr. d'Almada (instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva).

In the original summary jurisdiction action, the Wong Kwai Kee firm sued Ip Tuen for the sum of \$925 for goods sold and delivered and materials supplied, and the Puisne Judge gave judgment for plaintiffs with costs.

CAUGHT BY SIMPLE TRICK.

How American Was
Duped in London.

WISER PUT POORER.

An American business man, on a visit to London, is a wiser but poorer individual as the result of a recent experience.

This astute and successful man of commerce from New York fell a victim to the simplest and most common form of confidence trick. The American, who occupies an expensive suite of rooms at a Park Lane hotel, chanced to meet an elderly man in the Belgravia district.

The latter, who spoke with a strong Colonial accent, posed as a visitor to London, and soon they were engaged in exchanging their experiences and views on the metropolis.

An Obliging Young Man.

The "Colonial" suddenly dropped his pipe which was picked up and restored to him by a young man with a pronounced Irish accent who was passing just at that moment.

Profuse thanks followed, after which the three men went to a place of refreshment in Brompton Road to enjoy the hospitality of the grateful "Colonial," says Reynolds of November 8.

There the American was told of the usual story of a large fortune waiting to be distributed among the poor.

And he believed it and parted with his wallet, "as a mark of confidence" in his host.

Missing Money.

The wallet contained £80 in English notes, a 400 dollars bill, a passport and other papers. The dollars bill and the passport were subsequently returned to the victim at his hotel.

Of course, an appointment which the tricksters made, with the American was not kept.

The police are now searching for them and their descriptions have been circulated to all London Police Stations.

NEW SPANISH CABINET.

Madrid, Yesterday. A new Cabinet has been formed with Don Manuel as Premier, Azana as Minister for War, and Zulueta as Minister for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

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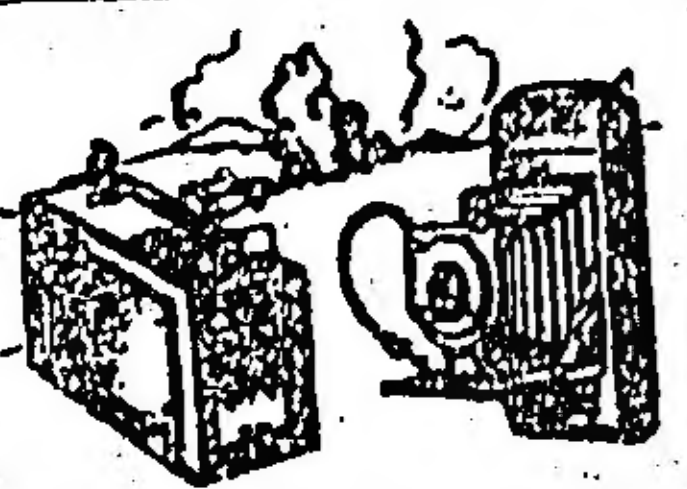
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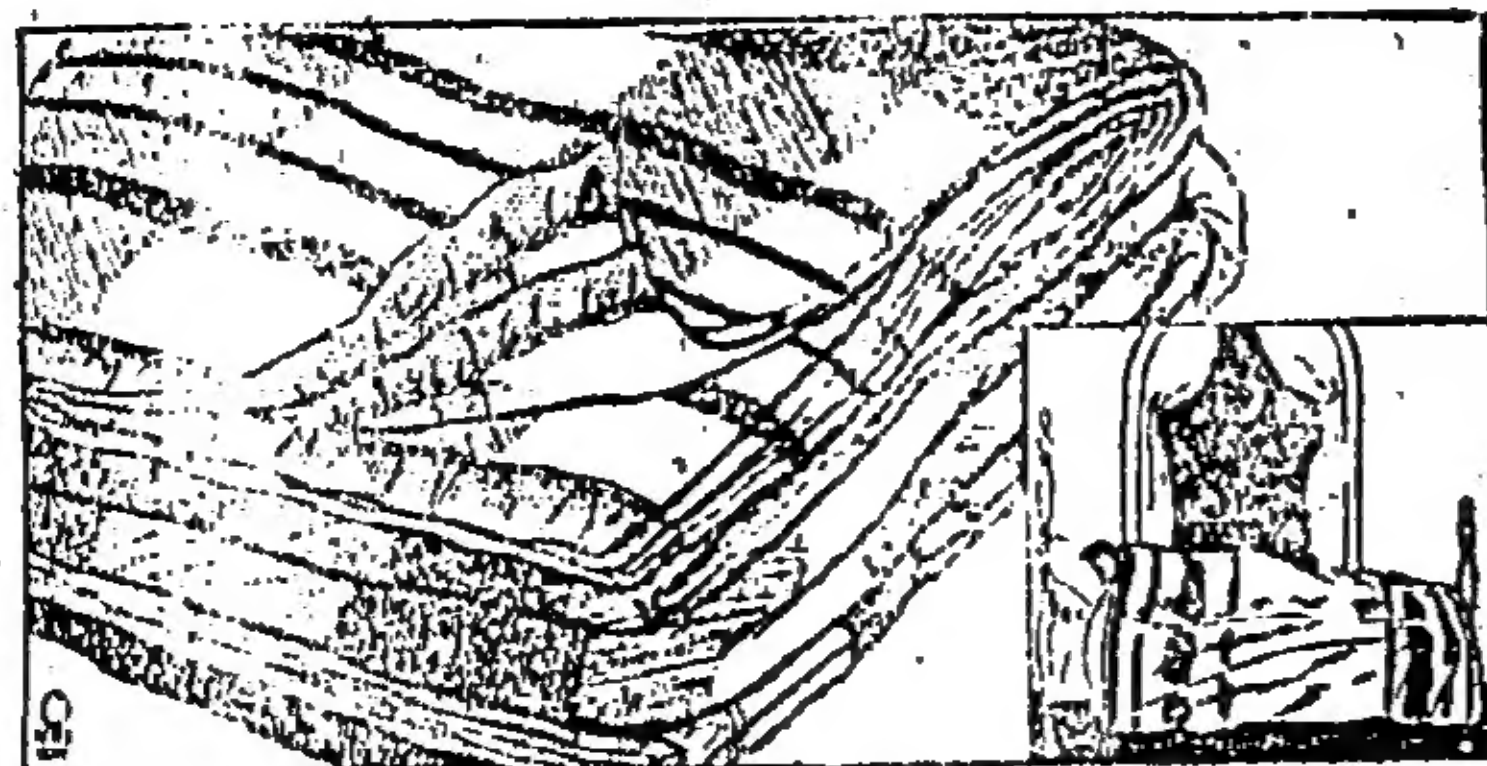
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OBITUARY.

SETTLE.—At the French Hospital at 12.30 p.m. on December 16, 1931, of pneumonia, Harry Armstrong Settle in his 31st year. Funeral will pass the Monument to-morrow (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1931.

"Education."

It is as well that the question of a thorough enquiry into the whole subject of the Government's education policy should not be deferred until the Greek Kalends. It has been stated in the Legislative Council that the Government would welcome the suggestion to appoint a Committee of Enquiry; but these the matter has been permitted to rest. The first move, it would have been thought, should have come from the Government without waiting for a concrete motion on the agenda of the Legislative Council. However, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall is seemingly not content with this attitude of passivity, and will put the Government's sincerity to the test on Thursday afternoon.

In the annual report on education for 1930 the expenditure for the year is summarised, in four lines under the curious heading, "Expenditure and Revenue" and details as to school fees and school fees remitted are given in two tables at the end of the report. In the separate report on finance, however, we are enabled to gather that the expenditure on education last year was \$1,662,179.55 and that the revenue was \$209,945.02—a deficit of no less than \$1,452,234.53. In the report on education is incorporated a satisfactorily compiled balance sheet for the Technical School not alone for 1930, but for five years at a glance. Why this is not done in regard to the Education Department as a whole is not clear unless—perish the thought!—arithmetic is the weakest subject of arithmetic teachers.

We may be prepared to agree up to a point with much of what is contained in the annual report

on vernacular education; but, even so, that does not solve the riddle of why education as a whole should involve the Colony in a net loss of over \$1,450,000 for one single year. Are the "invisible profits" to the community in the shape of really educated youths and maidens who will one day be a distinct asset to the community—as compared with a plethora of useless half-baked students—sufficient to warrant such an enormous financial loss? A host of questions arise out of this, involving, for example, the cost of education of British children, Chinese Hong Kong-born children; non-Hong Kong-born children; the cost of building and maintaining British schools and vernacular schools; the conditions as to salaries, etc., prevailing in Government schools as compared with non-Government schools.

It is useless to attempt to be critical, even kindly critical, unless the critic has available to him facts and figures covering the whole Education Department from A to Z—facts and figures, moreover, that are absolutely incontrovertible and unchallengeable. In this direction a Committee of Enquiry should be capable of performing a useful service alike to the Government and to the community. It is confidently hoped, therefore, that in the Legislative Council on Thursday the Government will lend a willing ear to the Hon. Dr. Kotewall's suggestion for the appointment of such a Committee.

From Other Pens.

No Overtime.

The South African farmer who finds his trained baboons work twice as hard as a native labourer (suggested "R") had better not let the animals become aware of the comparison. On the coconut plantations of Sumatra monkeys have been trained to pick nuts from the higher trees, which the coolies find it difficult to reach. They are reported to do the work well, and never pluck unripe nuts. But they insist on equal hours of labour with their human colleagues. Sharp at four o'clock, when the coolies cease work, the monkeys come scuttling down from the trees, and neither threats nor cajoling can induce them to touch another nut. — Manchester Guardian.

Bridge Fortunes.

My paragraph about the income derived by Mr. Ely Culbertson from bridge has brought me several letters about the bridge income of British players.

In the past several Britons have made large sums out of bridge playing. There is a member of a certain famous London card club who has lost his bridge accounts very carefully. His net winnings over a period of twenty years amount to £10,000.

This, however, must be very rare. Certainly there is no very high play to-day, although a small number of men and women make a steady income out of bridge.

There are, however, no incomes on the Culbertson scale either among the players or among the bridge writers. Bridge in Britain has a steady public, but it has never become a national craze, and it is subject to frequent slank attacks. Even the 300-Club was once nearly ruined by the introduction of "econ-cards" in the Evening Standard.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 59 degrees. The humidity was 69 at 10 a.m. and 58 at 4 p.m.

Mrs. R. Matheson, of "Huntingdon," Stubbs Road, has reported to the Police the theft from her bedroom of two blankets, a quilt, a bed sheet, a camera, a pair of pin-cenee and a silver mesh purse all to the total value of \$150.

The coal lighter, which, when being towed by the steam launch "Mileu" on Monday night, went aground on Cast Rocks in Hung Hom Bay, was got off last night shortly after 11 p.m. It was taken to Kowloon Docks, where, it is expected, it will be repaired.

On Friday next Canon Streeter, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, who has an international reputation as a lecturer and writer, will address a public meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.15 p.m. His subject will be "The Bearing of Religion on Recent Scientific Thought." The meeting is open to all. Canon Streeter is on his way to Britain after a lecturing tour in Japan.

As a result of the recent bazaar held in connection with St. Paul's Girls' College, the sum of \$1,930 (Shanghai currency), representing \$1,000 (Hong Kong currency), being part of the proceeds, has been forwarded by the Bishop of Victoria, as Chairman of the School Council, to Bishop Roots of Hankow toward the fund for flood relief in the Hankow districts of China.

The juniors of the Central British School, numbering over a hundred, with the head master and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale as hosts, held their annual fancy dress dance yesterday afternoon. In St. Andrew's Church Hall, later, the senior members entertained the gathering with three plays, all of which were very well done. The producer, Miss P. W. Brown, M.B.E., M.A., is to be heartily congratulated on the success of her efforts.

An interesting address on the development of Hawaii, and the important part played in it by the Chinese was delivered by Mr. William Kwai-fong Yap, yesterday at the 11th of the Rotary Club, which was under the chairmanship of the Vice-President (Hon. Dr. S. W. Tai), it being announced that the President (Sir William Homell) had gone to Canton to represent the local Club at the inaugural meeting of the Canton Rotary Club.

The stupendous talking production "East Lynne," suggested by Mrs. Harry Wood's book, is showing for the last time at the King's Theatre to-day. Those who have not yet seen this film should make a point of doing so to-day. The story is human, and the theme is an interest that is never lost. The acting of Ann Harding, Clive Brook, and Conrad Nagel in the leading roles is unsurpassable, whilst the support, derived from Cecilia Loftus, Beryl Mercer, O. P. Heggie, David Torrence, and Flora Sheffield is creditable.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Though you may not be of the same political school of thought as the "stormy petrel" of Home politics, you cannot but appreciate his energy, his earnestness and pertinacity of purpose. He is a hustler, a deer, and above all, unafraid of shouldering responsibility. You have but to reflect on his career, and these virtues or vices, according to the light in which you view him, stand out. His unfortunate accident in New York and its effect on him, seemingly more serious than at first thought, will be greatly regretted by Britishers the world over. It is to be hoped that the cables will soon begin to contain news of him of a far more reassuring nature.

AERODROME FIRE.

It is most fortunate that no lives were lost and not one of the flying machines at Kai Tak consumed in the flames or even damaged in the fire which broke out yesterday morning with such suddenness. It is surprising that valuable machines, hitherto, have been housed in hangars which apparently were so easily liable to catch fire. Had the fire broken out at night, the loss incurred may have been very much greater. No doubt the authorities, when building new hangars, will build them of somewhat less inflammable material.

INDIAN OUTRAGE.

A few days ago I commented upon the work of the assassin in India. It is greatly to be regretted that now to the formidable list already compiled of dastardly outrages committed in India the names of two Bengali women must be added. These misguided women, who shot dead the District Magistrate of Tippera, Bengal, have not furthered the cause of Swaraj. Indeed, they have arrested it, and into the bargain, sullied the name of Indian womanhood. Outrages of this nature cannot be condoned, and the two women, no doubt, will pay for their folly with their lives. But that will ill-atone for the life they have taken and the example they have bequeathed to India.

THE GUILLOTINE LEGEND.

Writing about Mr. Winston Churchill reminds me that a few weeks

ago, in the course of a debate in the House of Commons, he was guilty of a lapse—a common one—that Dr. Guillotin was beheaded by the machine he invented. At the time, it called for a spirited denial from Sir Herbert Samuel, which denial corrects a few ideas about the much maligned Dr. Guillotin. The noted doctor was not guillotined, nor did he invent the machine. Guillotin, writes Sir Herbert in the Spectator, was a distinguished doctor and scientist, well-known in France before the Revolution. He took part in the politics of that time; became a member of the Assembly Nationale; survived all the troubles of those stormy days, returned in later years to his practice as a doctor; founded the Academie de Medecin; and died peacefully on May 26, 1814, at the age of 76.

His only connection with the matter lies in the fact that on December 1, 1793, long before the Terror, he proposed in the Assembly Nationale that the right to be decapitated, which had been the privilege of culprits who belonged to the nobility, should be conceded to the common people. Since other privileges were being abolished, why not this one? He proposed also that the executions should be done by a machine. The Assembly agreed.

The guillotine is erected just outside the door of the prison, conforming to the laws of France that an execution shall take place on the public highway. The general public, however, see nothing. Executions take place in the early hours of the morning. It is nowadays impossible for the public to get near the machine as a large cordon of Military Police is drawn up on three sides several hundred feet from the main door and wall, and only a few authorized persons are allowed within this square.

The operation is quickly over, for no sooner does the prison door open than the prisoner is thrown on to a board which tilts over and is shot into place. The executioner and his aides make short work of their business. The machine is rapidly dismantled, the pavement washed down, and, by the time that the sun is just beginning to rise, the public are crossing the very spot quite unconscious of what has taken place there only an hour or two before.

WEDDING.

Ceremony in the Union Church.

BELL—BELL.

The Union Church, Kennedy Road, was the scene of the wedding, yesterday afternoon, of Mary Munro Bell, B.Sc., younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bell, of Scotstoun, Glasgow, Scotland, and William Bell, of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., eldest son of Mr. William D. Bell of Maryville, Wallace Street, Dumbarton, Scotland, and the late Mrs. Bell. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. G. Powell.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Stewart Hope, wore a picturesque gown of ivory embroidered chiffon, stiffened by an organdie Tulle, it being announced that the President (Sir William Homell) had gone to Canton to represent the local Club at the inaugural meeting of the Canton Rotary Club.

The bridesmaids, Misses Wallace and Freda Cousins, bridesmaids, were attired in dresses of pink tulle and blue tulle, and carried bouquets of pink roses. Miss Jean Wallace, as flower-girl, was dressed in mauve tulle, and carried a posy of sweet peas. Their bridesmaids were Juliet cups made of pearls.

Mrs. G. E. Kerr, as matron of honour, wore a dress of rose beige lace with cape collar. She wore a brown velvet hat with plume and carried a sheaf of pink chrysanthemums.

The best man was Mr. Robert Bell, whilst the duties of groomsmen were carried out by Mr. A. MacIndoe and Mr. Fred H. Meale.

The service was choral, the hymns "O God of Bethel" and "O Perfect Love" being sung. A largely attended reception was later held in the Hong Kong Hotel, where the customary toasts were honoured. The happy couple later left for Manila for their honeymoon. Mrs. Bell's travelling dress being of hand painted Arr-Elf-Tee silk with brown and fawn fur lined coat and brown hat to tone.

The bride's gift to the groom was a gold wristlet watch, whilst that of the bridegroom to the bride was a squirrel coat. The bridesmaids' and flower-girl's presents were silver and enamel evening bags, and pearls, respectively.

To-day's Thought.

Nothing tires some people more than having nothing to do.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 16, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Sergeant Elston charged a Chinaman shopkeeper, before Magistrate Lindell, this morning with the possession in his shop, No. 251, Hollywood Road, for the purpose of sale, of 70 boxes of sand crackers.

The Magistrate, after referring to the regulation—passed in July under Section 16 of the Explosives Ordinance, said that, as far as he could see, there was no provision made in the Ordinance for penalty of breach of the regulation. "He adjourned the case until to-morrow for consideration."

ON BEING ALONE

"SILENCE ROOMS."

By
G. C. N.

Nearly all of us hate being alone. We inherit, I suppose, the herding instinct from our forbears, who preferred the company of the communal campfire to the unknown dangers of a lonely bivouac. Somehow this herding instinct, common to man, is more noticeable in the European living in the East than elsewhere; and perhaps it is only natural, for we are all a long way from home and many of us live miles out in the jungle with our nearest neighbour ten miles off, writes G. C. N. in the Singapore Free Press.

Normally, this is not so in Britain, where it is easier to be alone. There, a man may quite happily spend a long day by himself and feel the better for it, and nine times out of ten he will belong to that coterie of people who are really worth listening to. And why? Because when this man has been alone he has started to think things out logically. He has gone below the surface of the day's trivial round and has turned the key to the time within the sanctuary of his own thoughts. On the other hand there are many people in the world who hope and wait when left to themselves. They must talk and talk they must have listeners. Unfortunately, the desire to be alone is thought to be an eccentricity of our race and the man who walks by himself or sits by himself at the Club is a curiosity while the bachelor who wants to live by himself is thought to be perhaps just a little unobtainable. The herd label him at once.

Silence rooms would never go down very well in Malaya. Yet if every Club, and I will go further and say every bungalow, had a silence room there would be more evenness of temper and more compatibility all round. You can nearly always tell the man or woman who hangs for solitude and who knows not where to find it. They are often nervous, restless and insecure. They bounce from one thing to another, uncertain, unearring; craving for the limelight of humanity. The greater significance of life is lost to them.

I do not mean by this that we should for ever remain within our souls. Life under those conditions would be impossible, we should become morose and narrow but within limits it is not a bad plan to have a retreat accessible at any time, when the want for such makes itself apparent.

I know a man who in the midst of a very busy life insists on setting aside an hour every evening for his own undivided use. He has been doing this now for nearly fifteen years and never does he forgo it. Frequently he only spends this time in dreaming in a comfortable chair or in having forty winks, yet on the other hand he often reads or writes. To my way of thinking he has solved a great problem and of all men I know he seems to meet the varied turns of life in the right spirit, philosophically.

It is not easy to set aside a period of the day for a mental survey and in Malaya, where we have few roots, it would seem that our mental side by some strange showing has no roots either. We are more frivolous and much more tiresome both to ourselves and to other people.

Mental balms have not been found for us like they have in Britain. No Chaucer or Shakespeare has woven the quiet music of Malaya's loveliness into literature. We have no one who has set down the beauties of the country like Turner or Whistler and we have no memories of childhood to bind us more nearly to our present abode. For ever we are thinking of our next leave or of the leave we have just had, thereby fostering a spirit of restlessness.

Where then shall we find a salve? It is not difficult, but it will take some looking for. Malaya in the early hours of a sunny morning will give us, if we are receptive enough, a mental peace and a fitting stage for any introspection. The coolness of the air, the blueness of the sky, the crispness of the shadows, the depth of colour in the honolulu greener and the far-away purple green of the sea. Then there is the music of the night-jar, the even cadence of the cicadas and if you live in Singapore the harmonious blending of a great city's traffic. To see a Chinese junk well set in the monsoon, to watch children at play in the Cathedral grounds, to study the beauty of human form, to listen to heartfelt laughter, all these things will release the soul from worldly ties. So easy to come by, so previous to harvest, so little regarded. Fragrance helps too; the smell of cut grass, of fresh coconut milk, of nutmegs and other spices, the scent of the garden after rain and of late earth newly dug.

The expression "it's been a glorious day to-day," never comes readily to Malaya. It is either too wet or too hot but parts of the day and parts of the night are well worthy of remark. A still moonlit evening with a view of the sea from under the whispering palms holds the soul and eradicates temporal things from one's mind. Sunset time, too, when reds and yellows and greens all lend their brushes to paint the drop screen of the day's course, and then again the cool hush which precedes the dawn and the first cock crow.

When a lama in Tibet enters his novitiate's course his first care is to exclude from his brain the odds and ends of his world associations; he can create a state of vacuity so much the better. That is a blessed gift which only the recluse has the time to capture thoroughly; but, if we could go but a short way along the road and cultivate the art of banishing work and worries so that we may the more readily receive the aesthetic values of life, we shall be journeying towards a more lasting happiness in a land where there is much beauty, the greater part of which has yet to be discovered and put into words.

And the best way to find it is to be alone.

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Annual Distribution of Prizes.

LIST OF PRIZES WINNERS.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Kowloon Junior School took place at Parkside this morning, when a large crowd of parents and friends were present.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, previous to which a short programme of entertainment was given by the pupils.

Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., Director of Education, was present and at the conclusion added his thanks to those of the head mistress, Miss Cooper, to Mrs. Dyer for coming to present the prizes.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The head mistress read the annual report as follows:—

Attendance.—The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. The average attendance was 90—an increase of 8 on last year. The maximum enrolment was 109.

Staff.—In January Miss Anderson was transferred here from Rehill's Public School and Miss Smith went to the Peak School. Mrs. Jefford, of Victoria British School, then did two weeks' temporary duty, while one of the mistresses was ill. Miss Whitley returned from long leave in February. Miss Dyer, who had been our gymnastic mistress for several years, left to be married in July last, and we unite in wishing her every happiness.

Inspection.—The Director of Education and the Inspector of English Schools came round on several occasions, and saw the work in progress. In February, Dr. Minett, Medical Officer of Schools, inspected the new entrants, re-inspected the special cases, and gave valuable advice, when necessary, on the method of treatment to be adopted. Hitherto the parents have been notified by letter regarding defects that needed attention, but this time most of the parents were present, and had a personal interview with Dr. Minett. This change of procedure is certain to have better results. In September he also inspected the older children and tested their sight.

Health.—The health of the school was good throughout the year, and I am fortunate in not having any epidemics to record.

During the hot months we adopted Summer hours, with beneficial results. This obviated the journey, to and from tiffin, in the hottest part of the day, which made the children too tired for any serious effort in the afternoon.

School Buildings.—The typhoon in July was responsible for a good deal of damage, and the white ants destroyed some of the woodwork. The P.V.D. have had the matter in hand, and most of the repairs have now been done.

General.—In July, Inspector Saunders, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, supervised a fire-alarm, when the school was cleared in record time—48 seconds. He afterward made some helpful suggestions as to the best method of conducting the practice. Notices have been sent to all parents regarding an increase in the school fees, as from January next.

Miss Swift took over, Miss Dyer's work in September. She gives lessons here twice a week, and has weighed and measured all the children, and tabulated the results.

One not having a Drill Hall, when large classes have to be taught, naturally limits her work. We hope that, before long, an Assembly and Drill Hall will be erected on the school grounds. The concert, which is to follow, has not been specially prepared for this occasion, but is selected from what has been learned in the ordinary school routine. Here, I might say that I consider the so-called "Recreative subjects" as important as the three R's. The child has to be fitted for life—not merely for earning a living. The whole trend of this mechanical age is for the leisure time to be increased, and we must see that the child's interests are as raised as possible. Drawing, games, etc., all have a necessary part to play in the development of the

SNAKE AS GROUND FOR DIVORCE.

Woman Used It to Keep Husband Away.

GAVE HER A WREATH.

A snake, a tuft of hair, a funeral wreath and 42 years' absence have recently been admitted in the United States courts as grounds for divorce.

The snake case was in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Russell Gerhart said that his wife kept a 6ft. black snake as a pet. "She carries it round in a basket, and wraps it round her neck when she wants to keep me away," he said.

The judge granted a divorce on the grounds of "indignity to the person."

Holsterous.—Two strange exhibits were produced in divorce cases at Terre Haute, Indiana. Mrs. May Hubbard, suing for divorce, showed a tuft of her hair which her husband had pulled out in one of his more boisterous moments; and in the other a woman showed a funeral wreath which her husband had sent her as a Christmas present.

In a case heard at Seattle, the Superior Court ruled that 42 years' absence was sufficient reason for granting a divorce. The case was that of Olof Myron, aged 66, who asked for a divorce from his wife Johanna. He said that he had not seen his wife since 1899, when he came to America from Sweden, and his wife refused to accompany him. They had been married two years at the time.

BAD LUCK.

Mishap to Long-Distance Monoplane.

Rugby, Yesterday. The projected attempt on the world's non-stop long-distance flight record has been postponed owing to an accident to the Royal Air Force's Fairey Napier monoplane this afternoon. The machine was on the final stage of its homeward journey, after its successful non-stop trial flight to Egypt, when, owing to bad weather, it made a forced landing at Saffron Walden. Although the machine turned over on its nose, both pilots escaped unhurt. Some slight damage was caused to the aircraft which will be taken to the Fairey Aviation Works for overhaul to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

We are all grateful to Mrs. Dyer for coming to give away the prizes to-day, and thank her for a liberal donation to one prize fund. We must also thank the Kowloon Dock Company for the use of their flag, Mr. Jenner for seeing that they were arranged as artistically, and the Committee of the Union Church for the use of chairs. I cannot close without a word of appreciation to the staff for their co-operation, and for the excellent work which they have done in the course of the year.

PRIZE LIST.

Scholarship to Central British School:—Doreen Brown. Mrs. Dyer's prizes for first place in:—Class 7, Doreen Brown; Class 8, Jennie Felschaw; Class 9a, Brian Mahony; Class 9b, Bunty Dalgleish; Class 10a, Tally Hall and Jimmy Lindsay; Class 10b, Poppy Arnold. Prizes for second place in:—Class 7, Jack Stokes; Class 8, Sheena Taylor; Class 9a, Dorothy Tremee; Class 9b, Robert Booth; Class 10a, Kathleen MacTavish; and Wilson Lang; Class 10b, June Barrett.

Prizes for third place in:—Class 7, Francis Crabbs; Class 8, Freddie Clemo; Class 9a, Frank Bishop; Class 9b, June Moss. Miss Cooper's prizes for hard work and good conduct:—Class 7, Pauline Baxter; Class 8, Jeannie Felschaw; Class 9a, Douglas Hlay; Class 9b, Joan Macfadyen; Class 10a, Joyce Sturgeon; Class 10b, Eva Grady.

Special Prizes:—Class 7 (Nature Study), Betty Scriven and Jack Stokes; Class 8 (Miss Benington's Prize), Evelyn Morrison and Dorothy McCaw; Class 9a (Mrs. Cooper's Prize), Doreen Hensley; Class 9b (Mrs. Beattie's Prize), Betty Goodwin; Class 10a, Sandy Baxter and George Scott. Miss Cooper's Needlework Prize:—1st, Doreen Brown; 2nd, Evelyn Morrison. Handwork Prizes:—Maira Lawrence and Winifred Ingram.

NO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Surprise in the Swiss Plebiscite.

LARGE MAJORITY AGAINST.

Berne, Dec. 7. The introduction of unemployment insurance was rejected by the Swiss electorate with a large majority in Sunday plebiscite on a Government Bill for the introduction of social services. "Aside from an unemployment insurance system, the bill included provisions for panel services and old age benefits on the basis of small insurance premiums. It was rejected by a majority of 173,000.

The outcome of the plebiscite has occasioned much surprise here, as it had generally been expected that the Bill would go through in view of the increase in unemployment and the growing insecurity of economic life, even in prosperous Switzerland. The Press ascribes the result to the intense individualism of the Swiss people and their consequent aversion to Government interference in their private affairs.—Transocean Kuomin.

WISE SAVING AND SPENDING.

"The doctrine of wise saving and wise spending is really the key to improving the critical condition in which the country finds itself," said Sir Wm. Schooling, speaking at the North-Eastern Regional Conference of the National Savings Movement at Leeds.

There was, he added, a simple rule which worked out well—that was to buy lasting satisfaction rather than temporary gratification. Economic analysis showed that the kind of expenditure which gave lasting satisfaction to the individual was the kind of expenditure that was best for industry and trade to the country and that gave the largest amount of employment.

The nation's crisis was very far from over. The work they had to do to help the country would be laborious and long continued, but the total influence of their grouped organizations was vast in extent and high in quality, and their achievements in the past justified the hope and the expectation that they would be still greater in the future.

PHTHON DIES BY THE SWORD.

Came Too Close To The Road.

A ten-foot python was noticed at Dehigahapitiya, Ceylon, between the 31st and 32nd mile-post in the Avienwella-Ratnapura main road, resting on the bank of a stream early one morning.

Hearing the voices of the crowd that collected round it, it gradually turned round and started crawling back along the bank of the stream. One of the men there went in search of a gun to shoot it, but before he returned, the python was seen beating a hasty retreat.

Considering it likely that the python might hide in a bush, and come back later in the night to the roadside, and attack the passers-by, a man named K. D. Aloysius suddenly ran inside his house, which was close by, and bringing out a sword, chased after the python and gave it one blow with the sword right on its head. The python struggled for a little while and then died.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

Oso, Dec. 7.

Reports that the Nobel Peace Prize would not be awarded this year were definitely denied with the announcement, made this morning, that the special Committee of the Storting, the Norwegian Parliament, which has the prize in its gift, would meet on December 10 in the presence of the King and the Crown Prince, to make the formal announcement of its choice for the prize this year. No authentic information regarding the committee's decision has been divulged, a secrecy which has not always been observed in former years. It was stated, however, that the names so far mentioned as candidates were pure conjecture, though it was admitted that the prize might be divided amongst two or even three public men.—Transocean Kuomin.

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"I will gladly race against Kaye Don in England or Ireland," said Gar Wood on his arrival in New York. "Improvements I am making to Miss America XIX will, I think, make her the fastest boat in the world; and I am also planning a new boat which I shall build shortly."

Thus it is probable that the two great speed-boat races may race on Lough Neagh, in Ireland, where Don made his first record with Miss England II.

Gar Wood is still anxious to dis-

pel the idea that he has admitted to tricking Kaye Don to beat the gun and so disqualify himself and lose the trophy.

"It was not mis-quoted," said Gar Wood, "but my explanation was misunderstood."

An anonymous Detroit sportsman has offered Kaye Don \$20,000 for the purpose of building a new speed-boat for the 1932 Harmsworth Trophy.

This sporting offer has been made in the event of Lord Wakefield deciding not to enter another boat next year. Kaye Don will not have to avail himself of this munificent gift, as Lord Wakefield has every intention of building a boat for next year's contest.

RUSSIAN CENSUS.

Moscow, Dec. 6.

A census will be taken throughout Russia on January 1. Preparations for the work have been completed by a special Commission, attached to the State Planning Commission, which will also compile the results, which it is expected to publish next Spring.—Transocean Kuomin.



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THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.			
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli, Penang & Rangoon.	Burma Maru (not calling Belawan Deli)	Thurs.	17th Dec.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Saigon.	Mendo Maru	Thurs.	24th Dec.
Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hanan Maru	Sun.	27th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS via Tokyo & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Fri.	8th Jan.
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TAI HING	THURS. 17th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th	MON. 21st
TAI MING	SUN. 20th	TUES. 22nd	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th
TAI HING	TUES. 22nd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th
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One of the encouraging signs for the future is the fact that ships which have been laid up for periods of from three months to two years are being brought back into commission. During the last month no fewer than 80 South Wales owned

vessels which had been lying idle have resumed trading, and created employment for some 800 officers and men. The resumption of trading by these and many other vessels must result in an improved demand for bunker coals and should benefit colliers in the quest for business.—Engineering.



ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, December 14.
 Hilda, Italian str., 2,974 tons, Capt. Tarabochia, from Singapore, buoy No. A6.—Dodwell & Co.
 Ryusei Maru, Japanese str., 1,509 tons, Capt. Tanaka, from Port Arthur, buoy No. C7.—D.K.K.
 Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvald, from Shanghai, buoy No. B10.—Sing Kee.
 Sulyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain Byrne, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
 Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. Yamamoto, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—N.Y.K.
 Ulysses, British str., 9,141 tons, Capt. Williams, from Shanghai, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
 Yuan On, Chinese str., 1,116 tons, Capt. O. Soovix, from Canton, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—C.M.S.N. & Co.
 Tuesday, December 15.
 Derry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hongkong, buoy No. C4.—Chau Yue Teng.
 Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Hongkong, buoy No. C3.—Yee Tai Hong.
 Hanyang, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. C. Harris-Walker, from Dairen, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
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 Kwangtung, British str., 1,672 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkies, from Canton, buoy No. B29.—B. & S.
 Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Captain E. D. Knutsen, from Canton, Kowloon Dock.—K. Larsen & Co.
 Tjilebet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons, Captain Adriaens, from Tg. Priok, Talkoo S.R. Wharf.—J.C.J.L.
 Wilfrid II., Norwegian str., 3,044 tons, Capt. H. Toft, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B26.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Tuesday, December 15.
 Chungking, for Tourane.
 Feng Lee, for Canton.
 Gustav Diederichsen, for Singapore.
 Halchink, for Swatow.
 Haldor, for Swatow.
 Hanyang, for Canton.
 Henrik, for Hongay.
 Hilda, for Shanghai.
 Hulchow, for Tientsin.
 Kwangtung, for Shanghai.
 President Wilson, for Manila.
 Sungshan Maru, for Canton.
 Tchekam, for Pakhoi.
 Tjilebet, for Batavia.
 Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.
 Yuan On, for Shanghai.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
 Bruce—South wall.
 Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.
 Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.
 Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
 Kent—North arm.
 Marazion—South wall.
 Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
 Olympus—East wall.
 Orpheus—In dock.
 Oswald—In dock.
 Persius—East wall.
 Phoenix—In dock.
 Seraph—North wall.
 Sirdar—North wall.
 Sterling—North wall.
 Suffolk—West wall.
 Tamar—Basin.
 Foreign Men-of-War.
 Craonne—French despatch vessel.
 Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.
 Helena—American gunboat.
 Stewart—American gunboat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Afrika are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 18.
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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. Chinese Prince from New York sailed from Shanghai on December 15 evening, and is expected to arrive here on December 18 at daylight.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

December 25 to 22, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Dec.	Time	Ht.
Wed. 16	10 41	10 44
Thurs. 17	01 10	01 13
Fri. 18	02 02	02 05
Sat. 19	02 54	02 57
Sun. 20	03 46	03 49
Mon. 21	04 38	04 41
Tues. 22	05 30	05 33

AN UNKNOWN MONSTER.

Fleetwood Trawler's Strange Catch.

When the Fleetwood steam-trawler Nettle arrival home from her latest fishing voyage the captain and crew told a story of a queer monster caught while they were fishing off the Butt of Lewis. One night, when the net was being hauled in, it was noticed that some strange monster had been trapped and drowned in the net. What it was no one appears to know, but it was so large that in the efforts to pull the carcass on board the trawler's rigging and mast stays were demolished and the verandah underneath the skipper's wheel-house was smashed.

When interviewed, Mr. Summer, the skipper said: "I have been going to sea for 29 years and I've never seen anything like it before. Some of my crew said it was a whale, but I doubt it. The chief engineer, Mr. Pothergill, has also been on the sea for many years, and he was similarly mystified. Unfortunately, it was a new net I had out, and I did not want to cut it away. The darkness made things more difficult. Had it been daylight and I could have seen what was happening I would have cut the lot away unhesitatingly.

"To get the monster on board and, incidentally, to save my net we had to heave it round the mast, and to make it bend a gash six inches deep was slashed in its back. We steamed about 30 miles with this huge thing on board. It measured 32ft long. The net was 34ft long, and it protruded 4ft. We saved our net and when we were heaving the monster back into the water its hide, which was very rough, like that of an elephant, caught the rigging and stays and brought them to the deck. It weighed between three and a half and four tons, and we had evidently been towing it for some time along the bottom of the sea, and it had been drowned. Its gills were so tightly wedged in the net as to make them useless.

"If the thing had been alive it would have smashed the bulwarks in."

THE SEA GIVES UP A JOKE.

Year-Old Message In A 30-Year-Old Bottle.

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This is the opening chapter of a little romance of the sea that went wrong, for later news shows that Shetland got excited too soon.

The bottle, true enough, had originally belonged to the expedition of thirty years ago, but when opened it was found to contain a message from a Danish expedition sent to East Greenland last year.

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Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 11	Jan. 13	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 16
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 6
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Apr. 22
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 4
Emp. of Japan	May 7	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 18	May 20
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 1
Emp. of Canada	June 4	June 7	June 9	June 11	June 13	June 15	June 17
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interpreted as a lake, a mountain,
a lovely village and a king," the
report states.

"The ladies of Cranford were re-
presented as playing bridge, danc-
ing to gramophone music or music
"relaid" from Rome, and obtaining
cheap seats at the cinema."
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port comments.

Certain phrases in the shorthand
examination led to the downfall of
some candidates.

"Following the bent of my in-
clinations," was rendered "follow-
ing the pond of my incarnations."
"Following the path of my uncle,
and 'feeling the bayonet of my in-
figurement'"
"And then with a curtsy she took
her leave," became "and then with
a quiver she took her life."
In the passage relating to King
John, who "got himself drowned at
(Continued in next Column.)

WATER RETURN.

All the Reservoirs on
Island Below Level.

The level and storage of water in
the reservoirs on December 1, 1931,
were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tyiam	16' 3" B	10' 11" B
Tyiam Bywash	23' 8" B	23' 8" B
Tyiam Intermediate	0' 1" B	0' 1" B
Tyiam Tuk	7' 0" B	12' 3" B
Wong Nei Chung	14' 3" B	13' 0" B
Pokfulum	10' 9" B	13' 4" B
Aberdeen Upper	9' 0" B	9' 0" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	13' 3" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Over-
flow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow";
L. denotes "Level with Overflow").
Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tyiam	261.12	238.31
Tyiam Bywash	1.22	1.22
Tyiam Intermediate	195.43	195.43
Tyiam Tuk	1,250.00	1,135.75
Wong Nei Chung	14.44	15.17
Pokfulum	30.58	37.32
Aberdeen Upper	—	128.04
Aberdeen Lower	—	34.41

Total

	1,762.79	1,845.65
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Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and de-
cimals of gallons during the month
of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	296.56	363.20
Estimated population	448,040	381,600
Consumption per head per day	22.0	30.8
* Includes 41.60 million gallons from Mainland.		
* Includes 75.68 million gallons from Mainland.		

November, 1930.—Constant Supply
throughout the City, Hill & High
Level districts during the whole month
with the exception of the districts
West of Eastern Street where a con-
stant street supply was
operated from November 3 to 20, 1930.
November, 1931.—Constant Supply
throughout the City, Hill & High
Level Districts during the whole
month.

Kowloon.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	0' 1" B	L.
Kowloon Bywash	—	23' 5" B
Shik Lai Pui	0' 7" B	1' 5" B
Shing Mun Recep- tion	0' 7" B	7' 2" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Main	358.88	352.50
Kowloon Bywash	—	104.01
Shik Lai Pui	113.70	110.35
Shing Mun Recep- tion	31.61	15.75
Total	493.69	582.21

Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons
during the month of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	135.81	151.54
Estimated population	177,880	208,050
Consumption per head per day	25.3	17.2

Constant supply in all districts dur-
ing November, 1930 and 1931.
The reports of the Government En-
terologist and Analyst show that the
quality of the water is satisfactory.
Total rainfall recorded by Royal
Observatory from January 1, 1930,
05.26; January 1, 1931, 75.84.

BARRIE IN A NEW
LIGHT.

Writer of a Sherlock
Holmes Story.

How Barrie, master of the whim-
sical, once wrote a Sherlock Holmes
detective story—

And how he sent it to Conan
Doyle, with whom he had just col-
laborated in a comic opera, *Jane
Annie*, that had proved ruinous to
all concerned, to cheer him up.

This story of the two famous
authors in 1892, before fame and
titles reached them, together with
Barrie's "thriller," is given in
"Arthur Conan Doyle: A Memoir"
(John Murray, 10s. 6d. net), by the
Rev. John Lamond.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson
are sitting in their famous Baker
Street flat.
"Holmes was amusing himself
with a little revolver practice. It
was his custom of a Summer even-
ing to fire round my head, just
shaving my face, until he had made
a photograph of me on the opposite
wall, and it is a slight proof of his
skill that many of these portraits in
pistol shots are considered admir-
able likenesses."

Two Figures.

Two figures come up the street—
Barrie and Conan Doyle.

"They are two collaborators in
comic opera, and their play has not
been a triumph," says Holmes.

"My dear Watson, they are ob-
viously men who follow some low
calling. That much you should be
able to read in their faces. Those
little pieces of blue paper which they
fling angrily about are Durrant's
Press Notices."

Watson is staggered. "But they
may be mere authors," he said.

"No," replies Holmes, "for mere
authors only get one Press notice a
week."

The two authors have, in fact,
called to ask the great detective to
explain why their play has failed.
One is referred to as handsomer of
the two. The other as "the big
one." Conan Doyle, of course, was
tall and Barrie small.

Ringling himself in tobacco smoke,
Sherlock Holmes thought it out.
Then: "The public don't go to your
play because they prefer to stay
away," he told them in the manner
of a tremendous conclusion.

NO GREATCOATS FOR SOLDIERS.

Cardigans And Capes
Instead.

Reports are current in military
circles that it has been decided to
abolish the soldier's greatcoat.

This "weighty" removal is not,
as a humorist might suggest, a new
move in the economy campaign, but
a preliminary phase of the mobility
campaign. By carrying the great-
coats on the transport something
has been done to make the soldier
less of a pack-animal and more like
an athlete, but at the expense of in-
creasing the impedimenta of the
army.

In place of the greatcoat it is
apparently intended to adopt the
combination of a Shetland cardigan
waistcoat, with an improved pattern
of waterproof cape. Because of the
stocks of greatcoats still in hand, it
is likely that the actual change will
be postponed, but the decision is an
important step and a promise of re-
lief.

The weight of the greatcoat is,
roughly, six pounds, and its bulk is
even more of a handicap than its
weight, whether carried by the
soldier or carried for him on the
transport.

Westminster," one script read "got
himself drowned at West Hamp-
stead," and another, instead of
"promised him his daughter in mar-
riage," wrote "promised him tor-
ture in March."

Geographical Ignorance.

Candidates in geography showed
"a deplorable ignorance of clima-
te." One wrote of frozen seas off
the West coast of Scotland.
Esperanto was introduced for the
first time as a subject, and there
were 169 candidates.

In book-keeping a frequent ex-
planation of "Fictitious Assets"
was "Assets put in the balance
sheet to make it look better."

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Dec. 1, June, June,

1931. 1918. 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12
" Prime Cut	牛尾	"	30	22	11
" Corned	牛尾	"	—	23	12
" Roast	牛尾	"	33	24	12
" Breast	牛尾	"	30	20	18
" Soup	牛尾	"	27	20	18
" Steak	牛尾	"	33	24	12
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	"	48	30	35
" Sausages	牛尾	"	36	23	20
Bullock's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Heart	牛尾	"	—	20	18
" Hump, Salt	牛尾	"	—	20	18
" Feet	牛尾	each	18	10	12
" Kidneys	牛尾	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	27	20	22
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛尾	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	1.50	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop	牛尾	lb.	44	28	—
" Leg	牛尾	"	44	28	—
" Shoulder	牛尾	"	44	28	—
" Saddle	牛尾	"	44	28	—
Pigs' Chittlings	猪	lb.	30	27	—
" Brains	猪	Per set	3	—	—
" Feet	猪	lb.	18	15	—
" Fry	猪	"	30	15	18
" Head	猪	"	20	20	—
" Heart	猪	each	18	10	10
" Kidneys	猪	"	15	10	3
" Liver	猪	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	猪	"	40	25	23
" Leg	猪	"	42	—	—
" Loin	猪	"	45	60	70
" Fat or Lard	猪	"	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	set	90	60	70
" Heart	羊	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊	"	45	25	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	lb.	25	25	22
Sut, Beef	猪	"	30	30	18
" Mutton	猪	"	30	28	20
Veal	猪	"	23	20	20
" Sausages	猪	"	23	—	—
" No. 1	猪	"	23	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	48	18	24
Bream	魚	"	34	20	18
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	34	—	—
Carp	魚	"	38	18	16
Calfish	魚	"	38	18	27
Codfish	魚	"	38	12	9
Crabs	魚	"	54	18	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	24	28	26
Dab	魚	"	28	16	27
Dace	魚	"	48	23	18
Dog Fish	魚	"	20	10	—
Sole, Conger	魚	"	60	10	8
" Fresh Water	魚	"	60	16	—
" Yellow	魚	"	64	10	8
Frogs	魚	"	78	28	30
Garoupa	魚	"	85	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	"	24	40	30
Herrings	魚	"	32	22	18
Hallbut	魚	"	35	13	23
Labrus	魚	"	26	18	15
Loach	魚	"	72	22	13
Lobsters	魚	"	72	62	24
Mackerel	魚	"	46	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	"	45	20	20
Mullet	魚	"	38	13	2
Oysters	魚	"	40	12	2
Parrot Fish	魚	"	26	14	9
Perch	魚	"	44	16	9
Pike	魚	"	50	36	29
Plaice	魚	"	56	36	30
Pomfret, White	魚	"	40	36	45
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	64	10	14
Prawns	魚	"	25	10	14
Ray	魚	"	25	13	18
Rock Fish	魚	"	36	22	10
Roach	魚	"	56	36	30
Salmon	魚	"	20	8	10
Shark	魚	"	20	10	10
Skate	魚	"	50	33	30
Shrimps	魚	"	48	28	28
Snapper	魚	"	38	22	28
Sole	魚	"	38	25	35
Tench	魚	"	36	12	12
Turbot	魚	"	1.45	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	"	—	—	—

Dec. 1, June, June,

1931. 1918. 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Poultry.

Capons, Large	肥鴨	"	53	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	64	28	30
Doves	鴿	"	48	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	鴨蛋	each	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	鮮鴨蛋	per doz.	38	18	—
Fowls, Canton	新地南	"	40	25	29
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	lb.	72	36	24
Geese	鴨	"	54	35	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	"	48	24	24
" Hallow	鴿	each	40	30	—
Turkeys, Cock	口鴨	"	30	28	—
Turkeys, Hen	公鴨	lb.	84	—	—
Snipe	火鴨	"	75	61	45
Pheasants	火鴨	each	30	—	—
Quail	沙山雞	pair	2.89	—	—
Partridges	追雞	each	28	—	—
	雞	"	1.10	—	—

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COMING ATTRACTION!

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**Mother's
MILLIONS**



NEWS TABLOIDS.

The National Maritime Board
has agreed, as from January 31,
to a reduction of 10 per cent. in
the pays of navigation, engineer
and merchant officers.

Mr. Winston Churchill is "do-
ing splendidly."

South Africa, says General
Hertzog, will not abandon the
gold standard. Indeed, she will
establish her own monetary
coinage system.

The Soviet proposes a Far
Eastern Round Table Confer-
ence.

Mr. Yoshizawa has accepted
the Foreign portfolio, and will
return to Japan very shortly.
Little or no change in Japan's
foreign policy is predicted.

The R.A.F.'s long-distance
monoplane has met with a
slight mishap, so the attempt to
establish a world's non-stop long-
distance flight record has been
deferred to a later date.

St. Paul's, London, yesterday,
held a large and distinguished
congregation in connection with
a National Service of Prayer for
the success of the forthcoming
World Disarmament Conference.
The Archbishop of Canterbury,
concluding an eloquent sermon,
pleaded oneness of the whole
body of nations as the ruling
principle of international life in
order to rescue civilisation from
its present plight.

The Dukes of York and Glou-
cester accompanied the King on
a shoot in Windsor Great Park,
yesterday. All enjoyed a good
day's sport.

Mr. J. H. Thomas has cancell-
ed his trip to South Africa.

There has been a slight rise in
the number of unemployed.

Don Manuel has been elected
Premier of the new Spanish Cab-
inet.

Nine Massachusetts banks
have closed their doors, some
only temporarily. Over 1,200
banks in the U.S. have suspend-
ed payments since the beginning
of this year.

Bear raiding of weakened
currencies has been frustrated on
New York Exchange.

Mr. F. Fairfax, Chief Officer
p.s. On Lee, is reported as miss-
ing since Saturday last.

Two Chinese women and an
elderly man were to-day faced
with charges in connection with
the sale of a girl for \$120. They
were fined. The prosecution
stated that it should be made
known that any person taking
part in any transaction, the ob-
ject of which was the disposal of
a human being, would be prose-
cuted.

Every able-bodied man,
woman and child in Soviet cotton
districts must, according to a
Soviet order, work in the cotton-

NEW ABERDEEN RESERVOIR.

**Declared Open by the
Governor.**

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Yesterday afternoon His Excel-
lency the Governor (Sir William
Peel), officially declared open the
new Aberdeen Reservoir.

The ceremony was performed in
the presence of a large gathering of
residents. H.E. was accompanied
by Lady Peel, and after inspecting
the reservoir, Sir William congrat-
ulated the engineers responsible,
Messrs. R. Henderson, W. Wood-
ward, F. J. T. Locke, J. G. Campbell,
J. A. Kinnard, and S. R. Jones.
Then, entering the tower in the
centre of the dam bridge, H.E.
turned the wheels which opened the
outlet pipes and sent the water
rushing down into the lower beds.
Simultaneously another outlet was
opened which caused a stream of
water to run into the dry bed of
the old stream.

In the course of a speech, the
Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of
Public Works, recounted the history
of the Aberdeen Valley Water
Scheme and pointed out that the
work on the Upper Dam had first
been sanctioned by the Legislative
Council in 1929. He also spoke of
the water supply system in the
Colony and appealed to the public to
see that no unnecessary wastage
was allowed.

His Excellency the Governor, in
the course of a speech, congratulat-
ed Mr. Cressy on the completion of
the reservoir and also compliment-
ed Mr. Henderson, who had been re-
sponsible for the design and super-
vision of the reservoir.

Speaking of the second section of
the Shing Mun Scheme, he said the
final approval of the Secretary of
State was awaited and felt con-
fident that it would be given. His
Excellency said that the scheme
would have to be financed by means
of a loan, which he did not think
would be difficult to raise in view
of the Colony's financial position.

Capacity of Reservoir.

The Upper Reservoir at Aberdeen
is formed by a concrete and masonry
dam, faced on the front and back
with smooth faced and rock-faced
concrete blocks respectively. The
dam has a total length at roadway
level of 400 feet, a total depth from
roadway to bottom of foundations
of 138 feet, a maximum depth of
water of 103 feet and an effective
capacity of 175 million gallons. On
the back of the dam on either side,

fields, and food will be distrib-
uted to them according to the
amount of work done.

Unemployed men demonstrat-
ed before the London County
Council Hall yesterday. There
were very disorderly scenes.

A hospital in Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island, was burnt
down on Monday night. Three
inmates lost their lives.

A serious situation has arisen
in the Lancashire cotton indus-
try, operatives of the spinning
section having rejected
employers' proposals to nego-
tiate regarding a return to long-
er hours at present wages.

OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

The King.
The King spent yesterday in
Windsor Great Park preserves
shooting.

Gandhi.
Gandhi, according to a statement
made in Rome, is returning to India
to continue the struggle (non-
violent) against Britain.

Indian Terrorists.
Terrorists are at it again in Ben-
gal. On Monday two Bengali wo-
men shot dead the District Magis-
trate of Tippera, and on Tuesday
a bomb was thrown at the bungal-
ow of the District Magistrate of
Bhagulpore.

Oxford Undergraduate's Case.
Mr. J. A. Davies, an Oxford
undergraduate, who knocked down
and fatally injured a constable
when driving a sports car, has been
found "not guilty" of manslaughter.
The Judge expressed the hope that
Davies would never again drive a
car.

Bangkok Fire.
Two thousand persons have been
rendered homeless as the result of
a disastrous fire in Bangkok. The
Bank of Canton premises have been
destroyed.

Disarmament Conference.
A National Service of Prayer was
held yesterday in London in con-
nection with the forthcoming World
Disarmament Conference.

Fiduciary Issue.
Home newspapers applaud the
decision to maintain the fiduciary
issue at the existing level.

Berlin Bourse.
Members of the Berlin Bourse are
now permitted to meet at the
Stock Exchange for an hour on
Thursdays, but stock transactions
are not permitted and quotations
not fixed.

This is taken to indicate an early
re-opening of Stock Exchanges.

ROYAL SHOOTING PARTY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The King, accompanied by the
Duke of York and the Duke of
Gloucester, motored from Buck-
ingham Palace to Windsor Great
Park where the party number-
ing six guns had a good day's
shooting. Many birds fell to the
gun of the King, who is an expert
shot. — British Wireless Service.

channels have been constructed to
divert the overflow water into the
water cushion, formed at the base
of the dam. The upper reservoir
has a direct catchment area of 321
acres but by means of the east and
west catchwaters, which drain 314
acres and 680 acres respectively, the
drainage area is increased to 1,315
acres.

When the Upper Reservoir is full,
approximately three million gallons
per day can be supplied to the fil-
ters by gravity, but as the level of
the reservoir falls, so the gravity
delivery decreases. To meet this
decrease in delivery, a lower pump-
ing station has been built close to
the Aberdeen Dockyard.

AMUSEMENTS

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